

## BUSINESS CARDS.

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DENTIST.  
HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M.C.D.S. of Ontario.  
Office—Over Parker's Drug Store.  
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.  
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**FRANK ZWICK, M.B.**  
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Medical College, Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.  
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE:—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

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Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.  
Offices, East side Front St.

**JOHN S. BLACK,**  
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**BALILFES AND AUTIONEERS.**  
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, Baling and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

**STIRLING LODGE**  
NO. 239.  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets in the Lodge room,  
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING  
At 8 o'clock.  
G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

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C. L. HAWLEY, L.D.S.

**TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month until further notice.**  
The Dental Engine, Vialized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.  
Rooms at Scott House.

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ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for county Hastings.

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Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel.  
All calls promptly attended day and night.

**STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.**  
**JOHN MOORE,**  
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,  
Billheads, Circulars,

Cards, Posters,

—AND—

**JOB PRINTING**  
OF ALL KINDS, AT  
LOWEST RATES,

At News-Argus Office

## Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.  
WM. RODGERS.

THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Globe from now to the end of 1899 for \$1.50.  
THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Family Herald and Weekly Star for one year for \$1.50. Subscribers to the Family Herald and Weekly Star are entitled to a free copy of the famous battle scene "The Thin Red Line," in colors, 17 x 30.

THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Weekly Mail and Empire for one year for \$1.50.

THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and Farm and Fireside one year for \$1.50.

THE NEWS-ARGUS to end of 1899 and the daily Evening Star, Toronto, for one year for \$2.10. This rate only for subscriptions sent in before the 1st of January next.

We will club THE NEWS-ARGUS and Weekly Witness for \$1.00, or NEWS-ARGUS and Daily Witness for \$3.00. The price of the Daily Witness alone is \$3.00 per annum.

## IT'S LIKE AN OLD FRIEND.

A Conversation that was Overheard the Other Day.



I have been trying those pick-me-up Suits, because I thought they were cheap, but I find they are not so cheap after all. Everyone knows you are wearing a pick-me-up, for they never keep their shape, and I don't want any more of them when I can go to Fred Ward's and get a Suit made to Fit, Wear, and some Style about it for \$9.50 Cash, that will outwear two or three of them. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Try it.



YOU CAN GET GLOVES AND TRY IT ANYWHERE NOW, but you can always rely on getting the best at Ward's,—and that is the reason we sell double the quantity.

TIME TO BUY FURS.—We have just received a new line of Capelines that are bound to sell. The price will sell them. Come and see them at

**FRED. WARD'S,**  
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR,  
FURNISHER AND FURRIER.

## "GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS."

You must be clothed with warmer Clothing, and for UNDERWEAR we are the head ones. CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR from the smallest to the largest, in pants and vests, both boys' and misses'. Don't be afraid to call and examine them. MEN'S UNDERWEAR.—We have been leaders for prices and quality. Prices from 25cts. up.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.—We have a few left which we are selling very cheap prices, from \$4.00 up. Balance of LADIES' JACKETS now must be cleared out to make room for Santa Claus and his very many presents.

## JOB LOTS OF HATS AND WINGS.

## SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S CAPS.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY all Caps will be sold at Half-Price. Don't miss this chance. They are good value.

POULTRY.—We will buy any day of the week. Highest prices paid. Ducks ready for Stirling market.

500 bus. DRIED APPLES wanted at once. We now pay \$1.10 a bushel. Always a Fresh Stock of GROCERIES on hand.

**C. F. STICKLE.**



## ENGAGEMENT RINGS CHEAP.

## Christmas

LESS THAN 4 WEEKS AWAY.



Our Customers Pleased.

Have you thought about your Xmas presents yet? We would be pleased to have you look through our Stock. We are sure you would be able to make a selection, as our Stock was never better than it is at present. Make your selections early, they can be put away for you, besides you have a much better choice now than later on.



CALDER'S  
Is the place to buy.

**W. H. CALDER,**  
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

## On Hand To-Day.

I have just received to-day the finest line of

## CROCKERY

Ever shown in Stirling. Call and see for yourself.

## OUR GROCERIES

Are, as usual, the freshest and best in the market. We are leaders, and intend to sustain our reputation.

## FLOUR & FEED.

Prices furnished on application. We can furnish you any quantity at any time.

**JOHN SHAW,**  
BAKER & GROCER.

**THE NEWS-ARGUS**  
TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS  
To end of Dec., 1899, for \$1.00.

## Burglars at Work.

This village was visited by burglars on Tuesday night last, two shops being entered and a quantity of goods taken. The store of W. Holden was entered, and a lot of clothing carried off. Amongst the articles taken were seven overcoats, gloves and mitts, shirts, braces, silk handkerchiefs, neckties, etc. Also, a quantity of candies, cigars, tobacco and groceries. The boot and shoe store of Martin & Reynolds was also entered, and several pairs of boots, rubbers, and other articles taken.

During the same night the horse of Robert Gridwood was taken from the stable and was driven a considerable distance, and was still wet with sweat in the morning. It is believed there is some connection between this and the burglaries committed, and that the parties who had the horse out were the ones that burglarized the stores.

Entrance was affected to the shops by prying the doors open with an iron bar, a spring tooth of a harrow being the supposed instrument.

## Married yet Single.

Those who were fortunate enough to be at the Music Hall on Thanksgiving night—and there was a fair audience in spite of adverse circumstances, had the gratification of seeing and hearing one of the best entertainments that has ever been given for years and the congregation of St. John's Church, under whose auspices it was given, may be justly proud.

The comedy "Married yet Single," was of course the chief attraction. It is a pleasing conglomeration of mistakes and misunderstandings divided into three acts, and afforded plenty of fun. Mr. Comfort, who is dependent on an allowance from his uncle Meander, which is only forthcoming while he, Comfort, remains single, has secretly married. The Uncle and Mrs. Meander turn up at an inopportune time and the difficulty of Comfort is increased by his well-meaning but blundering servant Harris, and his stupid friend the rival, Sally, a French maid, joins the general mix-up, and the audience is kept in good humor and suspense until the fall of the curtain.

Miss Nellie Chard gave an excellent portrayal of a suffering, but patient, loving wife, while Miss L. E. Boldrick received well merited applause as the changeable and eccentric wife of Meander. Sally, as presented by Miss Dolly Heard, was irresistible. One could not help thinking of Sol Smith Russell when John Stewart Carstairs was on the stage as the severe yet good-natured Meander.

Harris Comfort's servant, was the life of every act, and his inimitable style and speech always brought a laugh. Dick Comfort and his friend Merrigal were well represented by Messrs. Frank Bygott and Alf. Chard. Both had difficult parts to play and did so creditably.

During the play and between the acts Mr. Ernest Mickleborough of St. Thomas, who was visiting in town, discoursed excellent music on the piano. The rendering of his waltzes, "Nu signa nu" (his own composition) between the first and second acts was particularly good. Mr. Herbert Spencer, of Kingston, gave two songs in splendid voice and the successful evening's entertainment was climaxed by an amusing walk of eight young people, who had false faces on the backs of their heads, giving a very absurd and bewildering effect.

Mr. J. Earl Halliwell presided in his usual efficient and pleasing manner. Much credit is due the untiring efforts of those who had charge of the affair and many would be pleased to be able to hear "Married yet Single," again.

## Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

That Prince of opera companies which was to have performed here last week didn't perform, as the audience consisted only of four bare walls and some boys outside the door.

The Epworth League entertainment on Monday night last, was a very successful affair, particularly in the thing are all after, regardless of our religion, our politics, our social standing, or any other little characteristic we happen to be possessed of. The proceeds were nearly fifteen dollars.

The Rawdon conservative Association will meet in the Orange hall here on Friday night the 2nd of December. Parties interested in the good,—or bad,—government of the province, (which, of course, depends on the Grit or Tory point of view,) will do well to attend.

A by-law granting a bonus to a carpenter factory was voted on in Belleville last week and carried by a good majority.

The ratepayers of Belleville have passed a by-law granting a bonus of \$50,000 and other concessions, consisting of a free grant of land, exemption from taxation, free water and wharfage privileges, to Frank A. Mitchell, proprietor of the Thames Iron Works, of Norwich, Conn. U. S. A., who has associated with him William Abbott, proprietor of the Metropolitan Rolling Mills, of Montreal, which business is well known in Canada. This change in the location of these Works, has been brought about by the favorable concessions, the advantages of rail and water facilities for shipping, cheap fuel, raw material, etc. The combined plants will be erected in Belleville as soon as possible.

## Hubble Hill.

The annual entertainment of Mount Pleasant Sunday School was held on Monday evening, Nov. 21st. It was a grand success, and the snug sum of thirty dollars was added to the School's Funds.

A choice program of great variety was admirably rendered, and competent critics declared it to be the best they had heard from children.

We are much indebted to the White family for their assistance in the musical part of the program. An instrument was given by them, and two solos by Miss White were heartily applauded.

An eminent cartoonist, passing in this locality as W. Brown, Esq., was present and "brought down the house" by his sketches of "The Thanksgiving Turkey" and "The Danger Signal."

The best worthy of mention was an essay by Mr. Charles Bailey. It was a masterpiece of English Composition, and would well adorn the pages of the best magazine in the world.

These entertainments have become an educative power in the community, and we hope they will still continue to advance in quality as they have in the past.

## Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.

W. C. Boardman and bride have returned from their honeymoon trip, and have settled down to everyday life. We hope they may have their full share of happiness.

Although most of the cheese factories in this region have shut down, yet the Eclipse is still running full blast.

Herb. Hamblin and Warner Stewart returned from Manitoba last Sunday. The special services that have been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Martin, of Belleville, for four or five weeks, in our church, came to a close on Friday evening last.

The boys are very busy trying to shoot partridge, etc., but with poor success.

The Stirling band serenaded Walter Boardman on Thanksgiving night, and were regaled on roast turkey, cider, etc.

We are to have a change of teachers in the Public School next year.

H. V. W.

## Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cummings, of Anson, Ont., are the guests of their daughters, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Wickett. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stinson, of Buffalo, N. Y., intend spending the winter with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mumby.

Miss Lucile Hubble of Belleville, spent Thanksgiving day with her parents.

Mrs. J. W. Haight, of Marmora, spent a few days visiting friends in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gardiner and Miss Gardiner, of Belleville spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laird.

Quite a number of the sports of Belleville were out through Foxboro hunting on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Bessie Ashley, of Madoc Model School, and Miss Echo Ashley, of Belleville, spent their Thanksgiving holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. A. C. Dufosse has gone to Montreal on a business trip.

The anniversary services and thank-offering in the South Church last Sunday were very successful. Rev. C. W. Watch, of West Belleville church occupied the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev. Amos Campbell in the evening. The thank-offering amounted to about \$130.00.

Master Lee Laird fell while playing last Saturday, striking his lip underneath his nose on an iron rod, causing a blood vessel to break in his nose. Dr. Faulkner was quickly called in and soon dressed the wound.

## December Ladies' Home Journal.

The Christmas LADIES' HOME JOURNAL surpasses all expectations in the variety of its literary contents, in the interest and excellence of its pictorial features, and in the wide range of articles aimed to solve the problems incidental to the holidays. There is a notable contribution on the First Christmas Present, told by the Curia Puella, the Magd to the Christ Child, and another recalling "Washington's Christmas at Valley Forge." Edward W. Emerson takes one back to "When Louisa Alcott Was a Girl," and gives some delightful glimpses of her girlhood, her home and her daily life.

F. Hopkinson Smith's new story, "A Kentucky Cinderella," will afford the Journal's readers great pleasure. It is much in the same vein as, but infinitely sweeter than, "Colonel Carter, of Cartersville." Other fiction features are "Old Pegs," a continuation of "The Girls of Camp Arden," "The Minister of Carthage" and "The Jamesons in the country." As usual Edward Bok's editorial page is filled with seasonable suggestions, and makes a special plea for the remembrance of those who are alone at Christmas.

The brightest and best of the Songs of the Morning, the JOURNAL's prize Christmas anthem, is the musical feature of the December JOURNAL, which is excellent from every point of view.

The Philadelphia, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; ten cents per copy.

Hugh Brown, of Trenton, was arrested by Grand Trunk Detective Day, on the charge of stealing money from the body of Wm. Lunnes, cattle drover, of Toronto, who was killed in the Murray street car crash. Brown was found on Brown. He was remanded in the police court until Wednesday next. Brown acknowledged having found the pocket-book, and his contents.

## Cold Weather is Here.

Those who have been waiting for the cold weather to come must surely buy now. The Oak Hall, Belleville, can sell you as fine a quality of coal as you wish at moderate prices. This is a strong assertion, and we are prepared to back it up. See our \$10 and \$12 overcoats.

## STIRLING CASH STORE

## JUST OPENED THIS WEEK

## New Laces.

## New Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

18c., 20c. and 25c.

## New Lace Curtains.

30c., 60c., 75c., \$1.25.

These goods are new and natty.

## New Raisins.

## Seeded Raisins.

## Cleaned Currants.

## Fresh Pure Spices.

for Xmas trade.

## Extra Quality Oatmeal.

10 pounds for 25cts.

## Poultry.

We are buying, but must have good plump Fowls. Cannot handle thin and skinny Fowls. All Poultry must be starved 24 hours before killing.

## Dried Apples.

We are paying \$1.10 per bushel. Bring them in now, for we cannot guarantee price.

BUTTER WANTED, but must be free from turnip taste.

## T. G. CLUTE.

## CROCKERY

I have just opened up another large assortment of Crockery consisting of

## Fancy Dishes.

## Xmas Toys.

## Dinner and Tea Sets.

## Water Sets.

## Porridge Sets.

## Salad Dishes, etc.

Call and inspect them.

## Pork.—Long Clear Bacon.

## Pickled Meats, Sugar Cured Hams, etc. Try them.

## Flour.—Good Family and Pastry Flour.

## SALT always in stock.

## WANTED.—Dried Apples, Pork, Potatoes, and Beans.

Also, Poultry ready for shipping.

## FRESH OYSTERS IN STOCK.

## S. HOLDEN.

P.S.—A Good Farm for sale.

## FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale his House and Lot (half acre) north side Charlotte St., in good repair. A bargain and easy terms of payment if required. Inspection invited.

J. W. BYGOTT.

Stirling, Dec. 1, 1898.

## NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1890, at

FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK,

ON THE—

19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898,

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## CHAPTER IV.

"Fill up your glass, man," said old Dane, in his full strong accents, "and let me hear your own views. We are two old men. I am childless, you are sonless. What I ask of you is, what is to become of Dane and Trichet? Are we to allow this splendid inheritance to collapse altogether for want of succession? Or shall we take in Hillibut

It was, perhaps, not an easy thing to do—thus to define the physical and mental peculiarities of his children. But the key to the situation lay in the fact that a great man, like his senior, but he was a very shrewd one—he knew exactly why Mr. Dane wanted to know all about his girls, and their natures. He said to himself: "I might as well be heard of as not." So he said to the other man: "Which of the two is the most suitable for my purpose, so that I can easiest mould and govern, so that, in the event of her becoming my nephew's wife, I can still rule both of them and her?"

To Be Continued.

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There wouldn't be half enough room at the top if all the people succeeded in getting there who think they ought to.

Junot and his troops and baggage being conveyed in English transports to the nearest French port. In disgust and disappointment, Sir Arthur Wellesley resigned his command and returned to England. The nation was indignant at the incompetent general.

and takes his place in the association of the empire. The bare fact that he is a Marotse insures the respect of the subservient tribes, and as he grows to manhood a sense of superiority usually implants in the native the dignity of self-respect.

And then at last the vessel was wrecked on a reef and a Spanish fish schooner took off the half per cent crew. The cook was mad then and others were nearly dead from starvation.

## WHEELED AND SPINNING.

And then at last the vessel was wrecked on a reef and a Spanish fish schooner took off the half per cent crew. The cook was mad then and others were nearly dead from starvation.

Only Remaining Savage Realm South of the Equator.

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vent their going on.















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# December Sale.

We start to-day our December Sale of FANCY GOODS, BOOKS, WALL PAPERS, STATIONERY, Etc.

We want to make this month a record breaker, and have reduced our prices from 20 to 35 per cent.

## FANCY CHINA.

A splendid range of odd Cups and Saucers, from 5c. to 95c. Fancy Japanese Sugars, Creams, Chocolate Pots, Vases, Figures. Tea and Bread and Butter Plates, German Glass Vases, Cut Glass Vases, Jardinières.

**Our Lamps** are at the top because we have the latest goods at the lowest prices.

Toys, Dolls, Games, Mechanical Toys and Musical Instruments.

## BOOKS.

Services for all Churches. Splendid value in Bibles.

See our 25c. line of books, worth 40c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Marryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.,

In ATTRACTIVE BINDING and WELL PRINTED.

Gift Books, Cards and Calendars at 5, 10, 30, 50c. upwards.

## IN PERFUMES

Our prices never were so low. We have the best odors, nicely put up, and marked very low.

SPECIAL.—Fine cut glass 1½ ounce bottles, French Perfume, only 35c., worth 75c.

CREPE TISSUE, fine quality, full rolls, all colors, per roll, 13c.

## STATIONERY.

Fancy Papeteries, bargain prices in all lines. Five quires paper for 15c., any size. Large sized sheet Blotting paper, any color, 2 for 5c.

Full box of Envelopes, good quality, square, for 15c.

## PARKER'S DRUG AND BOOK STORE.

## STOVES

A full line of Box and Cook Stoves. Our Parlor Stoves are beauties. Call and see them.

## GUNS

MARLIN and WINCHESTER Repeating Rifles.

Daisy Churns, Granite Ware, Robertson's Mixed Paints, &c.

All Repairing done on short notice. FURNACE WORK a specialty.

H. & J. WARREN,  
THE HARDWARE & TINWARE MERCHANTS,  
MILL ST.

## TO FARMERS

The undersigned has for service Improved Berkshire and Tamworth Boars, both thoroughbred. Terms 75cts. Also a number of small pigs for sale.

URBANE HEATH,  
Lot 12, Con. 7, Rawdon.

## SWINE BREEDERS, ATTENTION

I have for service Thoroughbred Tamworth, Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey Boars, registered pedigrees. Thoroughbred Tamworth pigs for sale, either sex. Prices right.

W. T. SINE,  
Lot 12, Con. 5, Rawdon.

## STRAYED.

Came to my premises, on or about the 5th of Nov., a bay horse. Owner can have the same by proving property, paying charges and taking him away.

A. W. GREEN,  
Lot 23, Con. 1, Rawdon.

## LOOK HERE.

If you want WINTER FOOTWEAR come to us. We have a full assortment of Warm Footwear for Old Ladies:

LADIES' FELT GAITERS, LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS, FELT SLIPPERS for Children, Ladies' FELT-LINED SKATING BOOTS.

FOR MEN:  
SOCKS & RUBBERS, SHOE PACKS, FELT BOOTS, HAIR-LINED MOCCASINS, OVERSHOES.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S OVERGAITERS.

We are going out of Overgaiters, and are selling at cost.

We are also LEADERS IN HAND-MADE WORK.

All overdue Accounts must be settled at once, as we have some very large bills to meet, so must have money.

**BROWN & McCUTCHEON,**  
THE RELIABLE SHOE DEALERS.

# The Same To-day, To-morrow and Always

IN THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR BUSINESS.  
HIGH CLASS FASHIONABLE GOODS IS OUR MOTTO.

A visit to our store will soon convince a customer of this fact. They may try every store in town, but if a first class article is required, they must return to J. BOLDRICK & SON, and to this firm only to secure it. Look at our beautiful GREEN and BLACK CLOTH MANTLES, our stylish COLLARETTES, the admiration of all who see them, our FUR CAPES and STORM COLLARS. Also, MEN'S FUR GOODS in CAPS and COATS. We take credit to ourselves for cultivating a refined and cultured taste in the class of people who deal with us either in Clothing or Ladies' Garments. We have still lots of MANTLES to show you, cheap, fashionable and reliable.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

## PARKER BROTHERS BANKERS, STIRLING ONTARIO.

A General Banking Business transacted.

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F. B. PARKER. R. PARKER, M.D.

## ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25c. per line; over three lines, 35c. per line. Matter set in larger than ordinary type, 10c. per line. To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

## RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail..... 6:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:47 p.m.  
Mixed..... 6:42 p.m. Mixed..... 10:20 a.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1898.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Anniversary Services will be preached at Bethel, Rawdon Circuit, next Sabbath, morning and evening, by Rev. S. F. Dewey, of Frankford. Free-will offering taken up at the close of each service.

You can get Sable Tails at ward's.

John Green, who formerly lived a short distance west of Stirling, died at Lime, N. Y., on Nov. 13th. He was a brother of Mr. A. T. Green, of Campbellford. The cause of his death was heart failure.

A good time to order a new suit, ward's.

The annual Missionary Sermons were preached on the Rawdon Circuit last Sabbath by Rev. J. P. Wilson, B.A., Chairman of the Oshawa District. The contributions were far in excess of previous years, amounting to \$120.50.

Brown & McCutcheon are giving special cuts in Ladies' & Gentlemen's Overgaiters.

We again call attention to the Farmers' Institute meeting to be held in Moon's Hall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening, commencing at 1.30 and 7.30. The speakers from a distance will be Major James Sheppard and T. G. Raynor; and besides these short addresses will also be given by local men of experience and ability. Some good music is also expected at the evening meeting. Admission is free, and ladies are specially invited to attend.

You don't get better Furs than ward's.

We learn from one of the officers that the Rawdon Agricultural Society has ceased to exist. The society has been carried on under difficulties for the past few years, and the directors have thought it best to discontinue the struggle. However there will be no less township societies in North Hastings, as one is likely to be organized in Marmora, and this will obtain considerable support from the northern portion of Rawdon.

You want a new Hat or Cap. See ward's.

The union service in the Methodist Church on Thanksgiving day was fairly well attended. Rev. S. S. Burns preached the sermon, and good music was rendered by the united choirs of the two churches. The offering was for the benefit of the Belleville Hospital, and Rev. Mr. Johnston has received the following acknowledgement of the same:—"The Woman's Christian Association desire to thank the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations of Stirling for their Thanksgiving offering of \$7.00 to the Hospital and Home for the Friendless. Yours very truly, ELIZA J. FLINT, Treasurer W. C. A."

Always buy your Underwear at ward's.

The Epworth League "At Home" on Thanksgiving evening was largely attended, and a very enjoyable social evening was spent by all present. A good programme was rendered, consisting of a reading by Miss Dewey, recitation by Mr. Naylor, solos by Mr. Naylor and Miss Kate Barlow and quartets by Mr. and Blakely, Miss Edith Conley and J. W. Donnan, and a male quartet by Messrs. Brown, Blakely, Hagerman and Donnan. The "Bible Study in Cake," introduced by Miss Thompson, created much interest, and helped to make the evening more enjoyable. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all expressed themselves well pleased.

A Conservative Convention will be held in Madoc on Tuesday next, Dec. 6th for the purpose of choosing a candidate for the Local Legislature at the approaching bye-election.

Another lot of Ladies' Imitation Persian Lamb Gaudlets at ward's.

The nomination meetings for county councillors will take place on Monday Dec. 19th. The meeting for the Fourth Division for this county will be held at the Foresters' Hall, Spring Brook, between the hours of one and two o'clock p.m. This division comprises the village of Stirling, and the townships of Rawdon and Marmora. The present representatives are F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce. If a poll is necessary the polling will take place at the same time as the municipal election, on Monday, Jan. 2nd, 1899.

Eight people have been killed and six wounded during the present hunting season in Michigan.

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## Auction Sales.

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## Births.

JOHNSTON.—In Stirling, on Oct. 29, the wife of ROBT. JOHNSTON, of a son.

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The Northern Pacific Railway Co. will further extend their system in Manitoba next season.

The Northwest Land Company reports that their sales have doubled themselves during the past eleven months.

Judge MacDonnell has declined to receive Massey Hall, Toronto, from taxation.

It is feared that the bubonic plague has broken out in Chingtau, San Francisco.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. upon one of its graduates.

At the University of Toronto, purposes getting after the departmental stores again on the question of taxation.

The Governors of McGill University, Montreal, have passed a resolution, filiating Vancouver College with the university.

The marine section of the Toronto Board of Trade is urging such improvements to Toronto harbour as would make it an ocean port.

It is said that the trustees of Emerald Street Methodist Church, Hamilton, contemplate suing delinquent subscribers to the building fund.

A C.P.R. official at Montreal denies the statement that the company is not simply equipped and prepared to handle the western grain business.

The Quebec Harbor Commissioners have decided to grant exemption from harbor dues to any line of trans-Atlantic steamers making that port its western terminus.

The report is revived at Vancouver that the Great Northern Railway is to bridge the Fraser River at New Westminster and extend its system into Vancouver City.

The London City Council and the Bell Telephone Company have made a new agreement for five years.

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**THE JURY COMES INTO COURT.**

A despatch from Napanee, says:—After a trial lasting nearly two full court weeks, William H. Ponton is acquitted, while the knowledge of his guilt is late. A jury of his countrymen, after over 17 hours' deliberation, has failed to reach a verdict on his case. Ten men stood for acquittal and two for conviction. When he is next tried he will be charged with the robbery of the Napanee branch of the Dominion Bank, on August 27th, or the early morning of the following day. The robbery of the Napanee branch of the Dominion Bank took place during the night of Friday, August 27th, or the early morning of the following day. The burglars gained an entrance from the rear, and carried off \$33,140.55, of which \$10,000 was in unassigned notes. The first suspicion was aroused when Mr. Baines, the manager, was unable to open the vault, to do which an expert was called in. Detectives Wilkes and Dougherty, of the Pinkerton agency, were present on the case, but it was not until October 5 that W. H. Ponton, the teller of the bank, was arrested, being afterwards discharged by the magistrate, the evidence against him not being sufficiently strong, whereupon he was ordered to pay \$50,000 damages against the bank. Several months afterwards, Ponton was again apprehended. The sensational stories connecting the three former with the latter are well known. The prisoner Ponton turned Queen's evidence, while Ponton, Holden and Mackie were on August 18th last committed for trial by Judge Daly of Napanee, the bank clerk being allowed bail in \$10,000. The trial commenced on Wednesday, November 23rd, and lasted nine days. Mr. Osler announced that Holden would give evidence, though he would not be admitted to the same privilege as an approver, simply being allowed to take his chances. The feature of the trial was the evidence of Ponton, whose coolness and nerve in the witness box actually stood the test of a severe cross-examination by the eminent Mr. Osler, Q.C., without awaking the Crown any material advantage.

**SEARCHERS FOR ANDREE.**

The Expedition Was Wrecked in Eastern Siberia.

A special despatch to London from Yeniselk, on the River Yenisei, in Eastern Siberia, announces the arrival at the mouth of the Yenisei of an expedition that had gone in search of Herr Andree, the aeronaut. The expedition was wrecked while crossing the ice, and the two men, who were on the River Yenisei, which flows into the Arctic Ocean southwest of Bennett and Delong islands, were seen to reach an uninhabited island about 120 miles from the mouth of the Olenek. There the party was icebound for seventeen days before it was accoured.

**LIPTON WILL INVEST \$5,000,000.**

Mr. Chamberlain Tactics Capitalists to Assist in Reviving the West India Sugar Industry.

A despatch from London says:—In addition to inducing the Treasury to make a substantial loan to the British West India, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, has incited the co-operation of several of the big houses of England in reviewing the sugar industry of those islands.

Sir Thomas Lipton is among those who respond to the invitation, declaring a willingness to invest about £1,000,000 if independent investigations warranted it.

**WAR IS OPENLY SUGGESTED.**

Tension Between Norway and Sweden Increasing.







The new two-cent Imperial postage stamp is now being issued by the Government, and will become available for immediate use for all postage purposes in Canada. In other words, as soon as it reaches the public it is, as preferred by the purchaser, be used instead of the ordinary two-cent stamp. The two-cent inter-Imperial rate does not, of course, come into effect until Christmas day. The countries, which in addition to Canada, have given their adherence to the scheme for reduced inter-Imperial postage up to the present date and to which consequently letters may be sent from Canada prepaid at the rate of two cents per half ounce are: The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, British India, Newfoundland, British East Africa, Uganda, British Central Africa, the Niger Coast Protectorate, the Niger Company's Territory, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands.

The great Napanee Bank robbery trial came to an end, for the present, on Saturday morning last, after a trial lasting nearly two weeks. The case had been given to the jury the previous evening, and on the Court assembling on Saturday morning, they returned a verdict of "guilty" as regards Mackie, and that they were unable to agree as regards Ponton. The most disgraceful scenes occurred in Napanee after the case had been given to the jury. A mob of about 500 people gathered, and made a threatening demonstration against the Judge and prosecuting counsel, and it was necessary to escort them to their lodgings by a squad of police. The mob refused to disperse until the sheriff had read the Riot Act, and stated his determination to clear the streets by firing into the mob if necessary. The crowd then dispersed. The sympathy that seems to be extended to Ponton is something that cannot be understood by people at this distance. The attack on Judge Ferguson and the prosecuting counsel was simply on account of this sympathy, and is having a contrary effect from that intended. Judge Ferguson is one of the ablest of our judges, and one who is not likely to let any prejudices influence his mind; yet we find him in his charge to the jury, reviewing the evidence in detail, giving expression to views somewhat against the prisoners, but concluded by telling the jury to "base their finding on nothing but the evidence." It is plain therefore to every unprejudiced mind that there was a great deal of evidence against Ponton, though it may still be possible that he is innocent. The attacks on the judge by some newspapers, and the threat made by one journal that the juryman who "stood against Ponton will be in a tight place should their names become known" are simply disgraceful. Mackie was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Ponton will have a new trial at the spring assizes, and in the meantime is out on bail.

#### Transmitting Electrical Power Without Wires.

Tesla, the electrical wonder worker, now announces that he will transmit the power of Niagara Falls to New York without the medium of wires. He has devised a method of making the upper air a conductor of electricity. Asounding as may seem the idea of transmitting power hundreds and thousands of miles, Mr. Tesla says that the process is very simple. He claims that by this new method distance is as completely annihilated as by the telegraph wire or cable. He says power transmission without cable is only one step in advance of wireless telegraphy, which is now an accomplished fact. Tesla recently made the following statement about this great discovery: "I am now working on plans for terminal stations for transmitting the power of Niagara Falls directly to New York City, through the air, without wires. This is simply one step in advance of wireless telegraphy. I worked out the principles of that several years ago. I then became convinced that the transmission of power could be accomplished in a similar way. I encountered a new set of practical difficulties, but have succeeded in building machines producing high alternating currents that can be transmitted through air of a certain density, or rather rarefaction. To obtain this condition of atmosphere, that virtually becomes a stratum of conduction, it is only necessary to attain a certain elevation, either by erecting plants on high mountain tops or by using captive balloons. When the plants have been put in operation in Niagara Falls and New York, I shall make plans for a station to be erected in Paris, for the transmission of power across the ocean, to run machinery in the Exposition of 1900.

The corporation of McGill University has decided to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Lord Minto.

Thirty-seven people on board the British steamer *Clan Drummond*, from Clyde for the Cayes, got into the water in the Bay of Biscay, were drowned.

Aginaldo, the insurgent chief of the Philippine Islands, is said to have 90,000 soldiers armed with Mauser rifles, also 15 quick-firing guns, and he demands independence.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Stirling, Rawdon and Marmora Sabbath School Association was held in the Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1898.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. S. B. Burns, the President, Geo. E. Mack, addressed the Convention in a few well chosen remarks. Then followed the appointing of the Nominating Committee, after which the Rev. Wm. Johnston took up his subject, "The Sabbath School: Parents' Relation thereto." In the course of his remarks Mr. Johnston showed plainly that there was a great responsibility resting on the parents to teach the children the way of life while still in their infancy. Nothing can take the place of the teaching in the home. Prepare them there for the work in the Sabbath School. Influence them in the right direction, and "Go with them to the Sabbath School." In the discussion that followed, led by Messrs. W. S. Martin and D. W. Roblin, some good thoughts were brought out, such as "Do we fully realize the position in which we are placed in connection with our children?" Our duty is early in life to strive to impress a good influence upon them. The grandest thing to give and leave our children is a good example. During the week study the lesson carefully with the children.

Music selection by the School. The next subject was "The Home Class Department," by the President. In taking up his subject Mr. Mack explained that the H. C. Department was the S. School in the home. "It was designed to reach a class of persons who would not or could not come to the S. School."

In discussing this subject, which was led by Mr. G. L. Scott, he said "try to get all the people around you to go to the S. School, but if you fail in this, then of a necessity organize a H. C. Department, and then you will need to send out your very best workers to make it a success."

Solo by Miss Lena Johnson.

REPORTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS. Only fifteen S. Schools made reports, although there are twenty-two within the bounds of the Association. On the whole the reports showed progress. In the Stirling School 125 officers and teachers and 948 scholars. Two-thirds of the schools are kept open all the year, and all use the International Lessons.

The address of the Rev. Mr. Moore, of Seymour, to the children was very interesting and instructive. Christ was held up as a pattern to the children. Christ is the pattern for the children to go by. Christ first, last, and all the way through, is the example that the children should be taught to look to. He is the light of the world, which Mr. Moore explained by an object lesson, and in the light that Christ gives is eternal life.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Song and devotional service. By Rev. W. D. P. Wilson. Words of Greeting by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson. Followed reports of Executive and Nominating Committees, and Introduction of Officers Elect.

Duet by Misses Conley and Stouffer. The Primary Work was explained by Mrs. Kemp, of Springfield, who said "Begin with the children as soon as they can talk. Tell them the Old Story. Teach them by Nature's object lessons of birds and beasts, of flowers and brooks, of trees and stones and living things. But let the chief aim end be the leading of the little ones to Christ."

In the discussion that followed, led by Miss May Milne, she said that the line of teaching action she followed in teaching a primary class was to interest the children by the things and objects that are interesting to them. Begin at the child life, and then lift them gradually up to see the life of Jesus as he lived while here on earth when he walked and talked with men.

The next subject was "The Sabbath School as an Educator," by J. J. S. Carleton. "We should strive by every possible means to help the child to pray, as we often pray—'Thy kingdom come.' The day School and the Sabbath School should go hand in hand in the glorious work of educating the young. Learn to know these three things—'What we are, 'Why we are here,' and 'Where we are going.' We should learn from the Bible and build upon the teachings of the Bible. It is the only perfect text book we have."

The Rev. Mr. Burns, in the course of his remarks on the same subject, said—"The S. School work is fast developing, but not yet fully grown. Aim to educate the children heavenward. Eternal life is the goal to which we should direct our efforts. Let our energies be concentrated in the direction of leading the child to study the Bible, which is the perfect text book of God."

Duet by Misses Conley and Stouffer. Mr. G. E. Kennedy was now introduced, and spoke on "Energy and Enthusiasm in Sabbath School Work." No dead world this. Still energy and enthusiasm are needed everywhere. One of all in educating child life. On the shoulder of the young rests the future salvation of the country. Educate the rising generation in the right way. The importance of the school work demands and should receive our best efforts. Don't lose faith in aggressive work.

In the discussion that followed, led by Messrs. Eleazer Williams and R. Snell, a number of good ideas were brought out, such as "We must have necessity, if we would achieve success, get the more and more to Bible study and meditation upon the Scriptures, go over the lesson thoroughly, make preparation during the week for the work to be done on the Sabbath."

In the closing words by Rev. J. R.

Bonner, he remarked that we should rise to the dignity of realizing the importance of S. School work. If we would achieve success we need to have a love for the work, but in order to have success crown our efforts we must have the anointing of the Holy Spirit for service, and this only can be obtained by being in constant communion with our Saviour.

During the afternoon and evening the choir rendered efficient service, and two solos given by Miss Viola White accompanied by the autoharp were greatly appreciated. Closing hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." And thus was brought to a close one of the best Sabbath School Conventions that it has been our lot to attend.

Collections, \$8.10. Pledges for next year's work, \$22.10.

#### OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President—Mr. Eleazer T. Williams, Wellman's Corners.  
Secretary—Mr. R. Snell, Marmora.  
Treasurer—Mr. Sanford Melkiojohn, Cent. Ont. Junction.  
Convention to be held next year at Ryleman Church, end of May or first of June.

#### ECHOES OF THE CONVENTION.

Before the time appointed for beginning the Convention work of the afternoon, every seat was filled.

To say that the church was full in the evening would not convey an accurate idea of things as they existed. Every available seat was filled, every inch of standing room was occupied. Outside, it was said, between fifty and a hundred could not gain admittance. Everybody seemed to be interested. Good attendance was paid to the proceedings, considering the crowded state of the building.

A good attendance of the S. School workers from Stirling and Rawdon were present. The Convention being held so near the southern part of our territory did not give the Marmora people as good an opportunity to attend as yesterday. Ryleman will be more central, and we hope to see them out in full force next year. Go, labor on, spend and be spent. Thy joy to do the Father's will; It is the way the Master went. Should not the servant tread it still? —J.S.C.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### Stirling Horticultural Society.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR,—At the November meeting of the Stirling Horticultural Society a committee was appointed to take in charge the subscriptions for the new year. It may clear the way for that committee if you will grant me space to review the progress and work of the Society's one year of existence.

In village like Stirling, Horticultural Society can easily find its own distinct and special lines of usefulness. We are all just proud of our well-kept homes, our trim hedges, our magnificent old trees, and our wide stretches of lawn; but our back streets are not always free from weeds, our public buildings do not always show the same trimness and neatness as our homes. The Horticultural Society will, no doubt, in the future create the spirit and help supply the funds to make even the desert spots in our pretty town bloom as the rose.

During the past year it has done much for the community, more so for we have been merely learning how. The Society has now fifty-three members, each paying a dollar for membership. Now, under ordinary circumstances one does not get much for one dollar, yet what does the Society give to each of its subscribers?

1st. A year's subscription to the Horticulturist, a live monthly magazine, managed by the best florists and fruit-growers in Canada, the official organ of the Fruit-Growers Association, price one dollar a year.

2nd. The Fruit-Growers Association every year gives as a premium with the "Horticulturist" some choice well-grown tree, plant, shrub or vine, which it can recommend and which it desires to introduce widely. (Members will find the list for 1899 on the cover of the November "Horticulturist.") Such shrubs, etc., cannot be bought for less than fifty or sixty cents.

3rd. Each member receives a cloth-bound copy of the proceedings and papers of the Ontario Fruit-Growers Association, containing the VERY LATEST IDEAS AND METHODS OF Floriculture and Horticulture.

4th. The Fruit-Growers Association sends the society annually, free of cost, a public lecture.

5th. The Ontario Government gives a liberal annual grant to the local societies. This year our grant was seventy-five dollars.

But even this does not complete the list of benefits accruing to members. It is in fact only one side of those benefits. The local society's record this year must be short of glory.

1st. In the spring, we expended twenty dollars in premiums for our members—purchasing seeds, vines, etc. As we got special rates on our orders, our twenty dollars really had the purchasing power of about thirty dollars.

2nd. Each member that wished to have a private order for garden supplies filled, got the benefit of the same discount.

3rd. This fall, eight hundred choice bulbs were bought and distributed among the members as a second premium. Again a liberal discount was obtained. The fifteen or sixteen bulbs each member received could not be bought for less than sixty cents.

4th. Notwithstanding the liberal treatment of individual members, the Society expended also five dollars in purchasing ornamental shrubs for the park; one dollar and a half in seeds and vines for the school; and the rest for its own seed and paid the prices and expenses of the Floral Exhibit at the North Hastings Agricultural Fair.

"If I could get as good interest on every dollar that I have invested," said one of the members the other day, "I should soon be rich,—very rich!"

To my mind, the usefulness of such a Society, aside from the money's value it gives in return,—is practical and immediate. It can accomplish the miracle of making two blades of grass grow where there was only one before. Ultimately it should turn our streets into leafy avenues. Already it has been the centre for the growth not only of flowers, shrubs, and trees, but also of a healthy public spirit ready to assist all kindred enterprises.

In conclusion, my dear Sir, I shall not attempt to apologise for the space I have occupied. The subject deserved it. But I thank you heartily.

Ever yours very truly,  
JOHN STEWART CARSTAIRS.

Stirling, Dec. 6th, 1898.

Over 400 German school children have committed suicide in the past ten years. German papers are calling attention to this startling phase of modern social life.

The dispute between England and France over the Upper Nile valley appears to be finally settled, and it is announced that France will withdraw entirely from the territory.

A representative of a number of Missouri farmers has been through the West, and has selected twenty-six homesteads in the district 100 miles northwest of Dauphin. The entire party will be with their families and effects about April 1st.

#### Good Sleighting and Good Roads.

The good sleighting will have a tendency to make business boom. It is only a short time to Christmas and the Oak Hall, Belleville are making strong efforts to make this Christmas trade the best on record. Everything for gentlemen, all the new and latest novelties in neckwear, &c., will be soon ready for your inspection.

#### Enterprise Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of the Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 9 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, hiring cheesemaker, and transacting any other business in connection with the Company.

Sine, Nov. 20th, '98. W. T. SINE, President.

#### Harold Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and transacting any other business in connection with the Company.

JOHN TANNER, President.

#### The Annual Meeting

Of the Stockholders and Patrons of Central Cheese and Butter Company will be held at the Factory on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock, for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers for the ensuing year, engaging cheesemaker, and transacting all other business necessary in connection with the Company.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, President.

#### NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the Factory on Saturday, Dec. 10, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and other general business of the Company.

J. W. SAGER, President.

#### Evergreen Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Patrons of Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of electing officers, paying dividends, and transacting general business of the Company.

WM. ROBERTS, President.

#### Plum Grove Cheese Factory.

The Annual Meeting of the Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Co. will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of paying dividends and the transaction of general business in connection with the Company.

FRED. FANNING, President.

Wellman's Corners, Nov. 28, '98.

#### Stirling Cheese Factory.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and Patrons of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the Factory on Friday, Dec. 10th, at the hour of one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and transacting any other necessary business.

JAMES SCOTT, President.

Rawdon, Dec. 5, 1898.

#### NOTICE!

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On account of the illness of Mr. Montgomery I have rented the Stirling Steam Laundry and kindly ask patrons to hand their parcels in before Wednesday morning, as I am only going to work on Wednesday of each week.

M. HICKLEY.

Two pair of Lumber Sleights for sale.

WM. MONTGOMERY.

#### AUCTION SALE

##### Of Road Allowance.

Under By-Law No. 191, passed by the Board of Townships on August 1st, 1898, the south half of the original allowance for road between Lots 18 and 19 in the Second Concession of the aforesaid Township, excepting that portion occupied by the Grand Trunk Railway will be brought under sale at Public Auction by Wm. Rodgers, a Licensed Auctioneer for the County of Hastings, on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, at 2 o'clock p.m. Terms of Sale:—30% Cash at time of sale, and balance of said sum, hereafter, shall be subject to be paid by confirmed by a By-Law to be passed by the County Council of Hastings, on or before the 1st day of January, 1899.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Township Clerk.

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RAYDON, Oct. 10, 1898.

W. S. MARTIN

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I have much pleasure in recommending the Gore Insurance Co. to any person requiring Fire Insurance.

Yours, &c.,  
(Signed) A. T. EASTWOOD.

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We are selling Overgaiters at cost. Plenty of Skating Boots, wool lined. RUBBERS, FELT SOCKS, MOCCASINS, MITTS, BOYS' and MEN'S LONG BOOTS. Come in and get well booted cheap.

**BOOTS MADE TO ORDER—THE BEST.**

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**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—  
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
Mail..... 6:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:47 p.m.  
Mixed..... 6:42 p.m. Mixed..... 10:20 a.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1898.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

Wood is beginning to come into town the last day or two.

Up-to-date Xmas presents at ward's.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa, will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th, at 3 o'clock.

See T. G. Clute's new Dinner Sets. The newest and prettiest in town.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School to be held Monday evening Dec. 20th, will be spicy and attractive.

A comfortable present—a Fur Cape, Jacket, Capeline or Collar from ward's.

Water works and Electric Light for Stirling, will be discussed by the young men of the Methodist Church on Monday evening Dec. 20th.

Just arrived—our Xmas Silk Pockets and Neckwear at ward's.

The County Council is now in session at Belleville. Mr. F. B. Parker, is in attendance as one of the representatives from this division.

Overgaiters very cheap at Brown & McCutcheon's.

The recent snow storm did not leave the roads in first class condition for sleighing, there being too much snow in some places and not enough in others.

Silk Neck-Scarves, Fur-lined Gloves at ward's.

Practice is in progress for the annual Sabbath School entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Church here, which promises to be something above the average. See particulars later on.

Mr. Jas. Scott will preach on the Rawdon Circuit next Sabbath at Bethel 10:30, Wellman's 2:30, and Mt. Pleasant 7:30. Rev. W. D. P. Wilson will preach the Anniversary Sermons at the Beulah appointment on the Ivanhoe Circuit.

T. G. Clute's Xmas table of Crochery Novelties is very pretty.

The Provincial Board of Health at Toronto having thoroughly tested the samples of water sent there from Oak Hill Lake have reported it as perfectly pure, and fit for use for all domestic purposes. It now rests with the Council to proceed with the construction of the Waterworks.

The Anniversary Service in connection with the Bethel appointment on the Rawdon Circuit was held last Sabbath. It was a grand success. Two admirable sermons were preached by Rev. S. F. Dewey. The choir rendered valuable service. The morning collection amounted to over \$52.

For Mitts, Gloves and Underwear get T. G. Clute's prices.

At the Liberal Convention held at Madoc on Wednesday of last week, Mr. B. O. Lott was again chosen as their candidate at the election to be held on the 27th inst. The Conservative Convention was also held at Madoc on Tuesday last, when Mr. W. J. Allen was chosen as their candidate. Therefore the same men try the battle over again.

On Sabbath, December 25th, there will be special services in the Mt. Pleasant Church on the Rawdon circuit. The pastor, Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, will preach at 10:30 a.m. Music by the choir, assisted by the Smith Family, of Brighton; and in the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a song service and instrumental music by the Smith Family. A silver collection at the close of each service.

Nominations for the provincial elections in Nipissing and North Hastings will take place December 20; election December 27.

Rev. W. D. P. Wilson will preach anniversary sermons at Beulah Church, Ivanhoe Circuit, on Sunday next, the 11th inst., morning and evening.

A furious snow storm commenced on Sunday evening last about dark, and continued throughout the night. A great depth of snow fell, and as a strong gale accompanied it the roads were in many places badly drifted.

In view of the approach of the Christmas season, attention is directed to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value.

**Notice.**  
Stirling L.O.L. No. 110 will hold its annual December meeting for the election of officers and conferring degrees on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 13, at the usual hour.

**Christmas Shopping.**  
Don't leave your Christmas shopping until the rush of a few days before. The Oak Hall, Belleville are already putting aside for customers such goods as grey lamb caps, boys' suits, and gent's smoking jackets. First choice on such lines is very desirable. Now don't leave everything for the rush.

**Auction Sales.**  
FRIDAY, DEC. 9.—On lot 11 in the 5th Con. of Rawdon, a lot of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. John A. Heath. Sale at 1 p.m. sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

**Married.**  
SHARP-REID.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Front St., by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, Dec. 7th, GEO. SHARP and ELLA REID, all of the township of Rawdon.

# CROWDS OF PEOPLE

Are visiting this Store daily to take advantage of the big values we are offering in

## READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

The public have come to the conclusion that it is money thrown away to pay a tailor \$15.00 for a suit of clothes when just as good material, workmanship and fit in a suit can be had at this Store for about one-half the money. We intend making December a record breaker. A visit to this store will convince you that we are starting right to accomplish it.

## GROCERIES.

We have just received a choice lot of Cleaned Currants, Seeded Raisins, Seedless Raisins, New California Raisins, Valencia Raisins, and candied Peels. If you want your Xmas first class come to us for the material

OYSTERS.—Fresh Oysters in stock.

SALT.—Another car of Windsor Salt just received.

DRIED APPLES.—We pay \$1.10 per bushel.

**WM. HOLDEN.**

**REDUCED PRICES IN BOOTS & SHOES.**

**Men's light to Imperial Kip**  
Regular \$3.70, selling for \$2.75.

**Men's Stogas, whole stock,**  
Regular \$2.50, selling for \$2.00.

**Men's Buff Bals,**  
Regular \$2.00, selling for \$1.25.

**Boys' High Top Boots,**  
Reg. \$1.50 to \$1.90, selling for \$1.25.

**An Equal Reduction in all Lines in Stock.**

**P. WELCH & CO.**  
Springbrook.

## NOTICE.

I will be at L. Meiklejohn's store, Stirling, every Saturday afternoon, to receive Taxes.

J. T. COOK,  
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## For Service.

A thoroughbred Improved Suffolk Boar Reg. "Winfield Scott" 228. Terms 75c.

E. W. HICKS,  
Lot 22, Con. 1, Rawdon.

## NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1890, at

**FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK,**

—ON THE—

19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898,

between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councilors for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions within the said district on Monday, the Second Day of January, 1899, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no longer.

Dated the Twentieth day of November, 1898.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL,  
Nominating Officer.

## FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale his House and Lot (half acre) north side Charlotte St., a good repair. A bargain and easy terms of payment if required. Inspection invited.

J. W. BYGOTT,  
Stirling, Dec. 1, 1898.

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## RIFLE

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and a Bayonet thrown in.

Call and get Low Prices.

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Plain Satin Suspenders, in assorted colors, 40c. and 75c.  
Fancy Worked Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, 45c. to \$1.10.  
Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c. to \$1.50.  
Cashmere Mufflers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.  
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

## Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derbys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots, anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

## Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

## FURS. FURS. FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store. Watch this space next week.

**FRED. T. WARD,**  
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

## SOON FOR SANTA CLAUS TO BUY HIS PRESENTS.

Head for C. F. STICKLE'S Store, where you can always find everything for Christmas.

Tea Set, cup, saucer and plate, 40c. Children's Fancy Cups and Saucers, 10c. Large Fancy Bread Plates, 20c., 25c., 30c. each. Gent's Fancy Cups and Saucers from 20c. to 60c. Children's Tea Sets, a large variety, three sizes, 15c., 35c., 50c.

Porridge Sets, 30c. to 90c. Biscuit Jars, 25c.  
Fancy Card Plates, 25c. Fancy Cheese Dishes, 50c.  
Cruet Sets, 25c. Fancy Fruit Servers, \$1.25.  
Children's Mugs, 5c. Fancy Cupidines only 25c.  
Perfume Bottles, fancy, \$1.00 set. Fancy Butter Dishes only 25c.  
Fancy Lamps, complete, only 50c. Other things too numerous to mention.

Remainder of LADIES' JACKETS will be sold less than cost.  
Special sale of LADIES' KID GLOVES. \$1.15 now, for \$1.00 from now until Christmas.  
A full line of SILKS for Fancy Work now in Stock.

ALWAYS FRESH.—Buy your Groceries for Christmas at this store. A large stock of Fresh Raisins and Currants just in.  
Fresh Butter, Poultry and Dried Apples wanted. Highest prices paid.  
TWO NEW WOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE. Trade or cash.

**C. F. STICKLE,**  
GENERAL MERCHANT.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Take a look through our extensive stock before making your Xmas purchases. We have the finest lot of goods to select from you ever saw in Stirling. A few lines are—

BANQUET LAMPS. A FULL LINE OF SILVERWARE. STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES. PURSES. CIGAR CASES. The prettiest line of RINGS, BRACELETS, BELTS, CHAINS, etc., to be found anywhere.

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY.  
**W. H. CALDER,**  
JEWELRY, OPTICAL GOODS AND STATIONERY.

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Currants, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.  
**JOHN SHAW.**

## County Council.

The last session of the County Council for 1898 was held in Belleville last week, all the members being present.

The Warden made a short address, congratulating the Council on the economical manner in which the county finances had been managed.

The report of the Superintendent of Roads and Bridges showed the appropriation for the year was \$10,500, and \$300 for snow and wire fence. The expenditure was \$10,881.70, being \$381.70 in excess of appropriation. The appropriation for Rawdon was \$1050, and the expenditure \$1160. For Stirling the appropriation was \$50, and expenditure the same. Huntingdon, appropriation \$750; expenditure \$855.83. Marmora, appropriation \$550; expenditure \$569.28. In Thurlow the appropriation was \$1900, and the expenditure \$2,457.41. This excess of expenditure in Thurlow caused an animated discussion in Council. Mr. Pearce wanted an explanation from the Superintendent. The Supt. said the roads in Thurlow leading into the city needed much improvement owing to the extensive travel over them. He had exceeded the estimates owing to a necessity.

Several memorials from other municipalities asking the co-operation of Hastings County Council to secure certain legislation were considered. One from the County of Weland to do away with fees imposed on garden and farm produce offered for sale in cities and towns was concurred in.

A memorial from Dufferin County asking the support of Hastings County Council in petitioning the Legislature to amend the Act in reference to summoning jurors to court when there are no cases for them to consider, was also concurred in.

Other memorials were not entertained. Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pearce, moved that the clerk communicate with manufacturers of stone, concrete, and road rollers in reference to that class of machinery and report the result to the next session of the council.

The clerk read a statement from the treasurer of arrears of taxes due the county by the minor municipalities. The report was laid on the table.

Charles W. Thompson and Francis Brentnell were appointed county auditors.

S. Russell, M. P. P., was appointed High School trustee for Deseronto in place of the late F. S. Rathbun.

A by-law in reference to the sale of part of a road allowance in Rawdon was passed.

Mr. McFarlane stated that the committee appointed at last January's session to inquire into the relations between the county and Magistrate Flint had recommended that the attorney-general be asked to cancel the agreement. This he asked to cancel the agreement. This was done, and no answer had been received. He thought it high time to have some reply and thought a deputation should be sent to Toronto.

Mr. Cross thought that the communication was worthy of the courtesy of a reply, and suggested that the clerk be instructed to write and ask for a reply. At the next session something more definite might be brought before the council. He would then favor the stoppage of the magistrate's salary if nothing was done by the legislature. He moved that the clerk be asked to write the department.

The motion carried.  
On motion a number of accounts were ordered to be paid, among them the following: The Intelligencer Printing Co. \$19.00; T. S. Carman \$144.90; The Sun Printing Co. \$158.25.

Mr. Hanley moved that, as accounts for administration of justice are growing larger, the clerk procure from the proper authorities a full list of fines and costs and expenses of cases and a statement of the convictions made and report the same at the next session.—Carried.

Mr. Cross complained of telegraph and telephone companies' action in destroying shade trees on county roads near Madoc. He wanted to know if the companies had any right to do so, and if any revenue was given for use of roads. He thought the country telephoning and telegraphing should be done free in consideration of privileges granted the companies.

The warden said he had seen the work and thought it was unnecessary.

Mr. Cross moved that the Superintendent be instructed to make out a bill of trees and send the same to the parties at fault. The motion passed.  
After complimentary resolutions to the retiring Warden, and the County Clerk, the Council adjourned.

## To Commemorate Imperial Penny Postage.

The Review Printing Co., Limited, of Peterborough, have issued (under copyright) a handsome correspondence envelope, showing a very suitable and unique design printed in tints. These envelopes are largely in demand, and as the new Imperial Penny, or two cent, postage rate to the Mother Country comes into force on Christmas day, quite seasonable. The idea is in keeping with such envelopes issued when penny postage became the law in Great Britain. The envelopes are sold by the publishers at the rate of 15c. per package of 25, postage paid, or can be had from local booksellers who have secured a supply.

## Very Cold Weather.

You must have good warm clothing these very cold days. You will find just what you want at the Oak Hall, Belleville, in overcoats, ulsters, heavy suits, underwear, cardigans, mitts and gloves, caps, etc. Everything for men to wear but boots.

## FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

## "STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE IN YOUR XMAS BUYING

## CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

### DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

### Black Henriettas

at 35c., 50c., 75c., 80c., \$1.00.

### SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value. 75c.  
Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found. 50c.  
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c. 63c.

### Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.  
Regular \$2.50 Suits for. \$2.00  
" \$5.50 Suits for. \$4.00  
" \$5.75 Suits for. \$4.25  
" \$6.50 Suits for. \$4.75

### Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

### Table Linens

25c., 35c., 40c., 50c., 90c.  
Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only. 50c.

### Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaids and pretty patterns.  
Special value, heavy weight. 10c.  
32-in. Heavy Flannellette. 5c.

### NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES, NEW HANDKERCHIEFS, NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. 5c.  
Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs. 5c.  
Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs. 25c.  
Feather Boscs, starting at. 25c.

### SPECIAL.

## Mid-Winter Sale Of CLOTHING.

The season is pretty well advanced, and we have a large Stock of Clothing to dispose of. In order to do this, and do it quickly, we make you the following offers. Come and see the goods, and you will be convinced you are getting them a trifle above manufacturers' prices. This sale means **SPOT CASH**. We can take no barter of any kind or give credit.

Men's blue Beaver Overcoat, wool lining, velvet collar, reg. \$5.50. \$3.75

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulster, wool lining, large collar, reg. \$6.00 for 4.25

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulster, frieze lining, velvet collar, reg. \$8.50 for 6.75

Children's Blue Nap Overcoats, wool lining, sizes up to 28, regular \$3.25 for. 2.50

Men's Heavy all wool Suits, double breasted and single breasted, thoroughly made, reg. \$10.00 for. 7.00

Men's Heavy Wool Suits, regular \$8.50 for. 6.50

Men's all wool Suits, double breasted and single breasted, reg. \$6.50 for 4.50

Men's all wool Suits, all sizes, will be sold at the same reduction.

Boys' and Youth's Suits, all sizes, will be sold at the same reduction.

This sale is genuine, and we will do exactly as we say. Now is your time for a bargain. No clothing sold except for Spot Cash at these prices.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

## T. G. CLUTE.

## CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

## At the Popular Shoe Store.

### For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Juliets  
" Slippers and House Boots.  
" Gaiters and German Slippers.  
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.  
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.  
" Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

### For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.  
" Carpet Slippers.  
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers  
" Fine Overshoes.  
" Felt Gaiters.  
" Spats (fawn and black).

### For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.  
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.  
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.  
Girl's Lined Rubbers.  
Girl's Moccasins.

### For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.  
" Skating Boots.  
" Rubbers.  
" Sox & Rubbers.

### FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.  
" Gritters and Slippers.  
" Cardigan Overshoes.  
" Rubbers.  
" Moccasins (fancy).  
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

## MARTIN & REYNOLDS.













THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898

The Ontario Gazette contains a proclamation declaring the 26th December and the 2nd January next public holidays. This action has been taken because of the fact that the next ensuing Christmas day and New Year's day fall on Sundays.

The treaty of peace between the United States and Spain was signed on Saturday last. By its provisions the United States obtain Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands. Spain is to get \$20,000,000 for the cession of the Philippines.

As amended the law governing municipal nominations is as follows: "At such meetings, the person or persons to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded, and every such nomination shall be in writing, shall state the full name, place of residence and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and second." "Sect. 128, Mun. Act. Then as to resignations: "At the nomination meeting or on the following day, or where such last named day is a public holiday, then before 12 o'clock noon of the succeeding day, any person proposed for one or more offices may resign, or may elect for which office he is to remain nominated; and in default he shall be taken as nominated for the office in respect of which he was first proposed and seconded."—Sect. 129, (2).

Prohibition as a government measure is making headway in the east. A Cairo despatch says the sale of intoxicating liquors will be prohibited in the Sudan. As General Kitchen's prohibition principles with great success, both as a military and a sanitary measure, a continuance of the law would not doubt have equally beneficial results under a civil administration, if carried out under an equally upright authority. The law of the Prophet against the use of wine is not always strictly observed among his followers, but prohibition would not be for them alone. The rag-tag from Europe and the Levant who are sure to flow into the newly reconquered provinces will need it much more than the Sudanese proper, and it will be a grand thing for British Africa if, following the destruction of deservist tyranny, should come peace, education, the suppression of slavery and prohibition of the liquor traffic. The extension of British power would then be justified on the highest moral grounds to the best advantage to the natives and the cause of civilization.—Winnes.

The Commission which first met in Quebec in August last, and has lately been holding sessions in Washington, to endeavor to settle all matters of dispute between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, appears at present not likely to bring forth much fruit. It was hoped that among other matters a treaty of reciprocity would be made for the free exchange of certain products of Canada and the United States, but late advices state that there is little prospect of such a treaty being made. There are many important points upon which the commissioners seem unable to agree, and all hope of reconciling the conflicting interests are about at an end. It is perhaps just as well, as Canada has entered upon an era of prosperity and expansion, which makes the U. S. markets of less relative value than formerly, while the giving of a 25 per cent preferential tariff in favor of Great Britain is leading to a great expansion of trade with the mother country, as well as drawing the bonds of union more closely. The Canadian commissioners will do well not to sacrifice Canada's interests in any respect, but firmly and respectfully maintain our rights. It is stated the conference is likely to adjourn about the 20th inst., to reassemble again after March 4th next.

#### North Hastings Mines.

Mr. A. J. G. Swinney, who established the Canada Gold Fields Company's works two or three years ago at Belleville, has just returned from a trip to Europe. He has organized a large syndicate of capitalists and has arrangements completed to commence operations on an extensive scale in North Hastings. He has already a large number of valuable properties which he intends to operate on in the immediate future. The Kingston Times says: "There is a revival of interest in the mines of Eastern Ontario. The gold mines of Hastings county are being more extensively worked, while the iron, mica and lead mines of Frontenac are employing more men and giving more satisfactory returns to the operators."

In some parts of Michigan the snow is said to be seven feet deep on the level. It is stated that 70,000 barrels of apples of various kinds have been stored in Brighton and 50,000 in Colborne, to be repacked and shipped during the winter.

**Heavy Beaver Overcoats.** Most heavier cloth overcoats are not heavy enough for real cold weather. The Oak Hill, Belleville, makes a splendid, long, single and double breasted, quilted and wadded right to the bottom, making them as warm as any winter. Price \$10.

#### Inferior Court Procedure.

Under the laws of legal procedure in this Province, if Jones owes Smith \$200 on a promissory note, Smith may sue him in the Division Court, and if Jones does not defend, or if he defends and fails Smith will get judgment at a total cost of 5 or 10 per cent of his claim. But if Smith has a claim of \$150 against Brown for a grocery bill he can only sue in the County Court, and if Brown defends, Smith's costs may not amount to as much as the bill, or they may.

An action in the Division Court may involve the title to a mortgage or conveyance of property worth thousands of dollars, but if the plaintiff's claim be on an open account and is one dollar over \$100, or for a balance of an open account the total amount of which was over \$100, though the balance may not be more than \$10, or for more than \$50 damages, or on a promissory note for over \$200, in any of these cases he must go to the County Court and run the gauntlet of a trial with pleadings, motions, affidavits, orders, and all the other High Court trials.

The practical working of the County Court system is shown by its fruits, which are tabulated in the reports of the Inspector of Legal Offices. His report for 1897, for instance, shows that the total number of judgments after trial entered in that year in the 44 counties of Ontario was 189. The total amount of such judgments without costs was \$24,769.71, and the total amount of costs and disbursements allowed to the successful parties in these cases was only a few hundred dollars less, being in exact figures \$24,167.77. The total amount of such judgments with costs was \$24,769.71, and the total amount of costs and disbursements allowed to the successful parties in these cases was only a few hundred dollars less, being in exact figures \$24,167.77.

On the other hand, in the Division Court the legal game is played with a strict limit. The only costs a litigant may recover against an opponent in the Division Court are his own disbursements, and the judge's judgment is for more than \$100, a \$100 counsel fee, and in case of an appeal to Osgoode Hall his further disbursements and a fee of \$15. Thus, if Jones disputes Smith's claim on the \$200 note until he can dispute it no further, that is to say until he gets the judgment of a Division Court, he may become liable to pay at the outside \$25 for solicitors' fees, besides disbursements which in an average case will not amount to more than \$10 more.

As against a total of 2,266 cases entered in the County Courts of the Province in 1897, 49,127 cases were during the same time entered in the Division Courts. In other words, the County Court system, which is costly and inconvenient, is unpopular, and the Division Court system, which is inexpensive and convenient, and in many ways a model system, is popular. The extension of any service the new Legislature could do to the Province that would be more generally appreciated than the amalgamation of the two inferior courts systems into one system modelled largely upon the plan of the present Division Court.—Globe.

#### Election of Officers.

At the regular annual meeting of L. O. L. No. 172, the following officers were duly elected and installed: Bro. James Hurst—W. M. "Elgin Jackson—D. M. "T. H. Matthews—Chaplain. "Morrison—Sec. "Harry Nugent—Fin. Sec. "Albert Thompson—Treasurer. "Wm. Emmons—Dir. of Cer. "Samuel Woodcock—Lecturer. "Peter Hubble, John Thompson, Wm. Hogle, Conger McConnell, Elgin Weaver—Committee. Lodge meets first Wednesday of every month. Visiting brethren always welcome.

The old grist mill in Marmora is being fitted up for a woollen mill.

The Belleville newspapers make an appeal to the public for financial assistance for W. H. Ponton in his second trial.

The people of Bancroft are urged to vote a bonus of \$2,500 for a branch of the Central Ontario Railway from Ormsby to their village.

Mr. W. H. Ponton, now famous on account of the great bank robbery trial, is said to have been offered a position as traveller for a Kingston tobacco house.

The Deseronto car shops are building fifty bus cars for the Intercolonial Railway. Each car is of 60,000 lbs. capacity, and will be built of the very best material.

Thos. Willis' residence in Belleville was burned on Thursday night last. His loss was \$800, insured for \$500. The building was owned by the Cochrane estate; loss, \$1,500; insured for \$1,000.

Rev. W. A. Stewart, M. A., is the new pastor of the Presbyterian church at Marmora, which includes North Marmora and Big Springs. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and has been in Canada for about two years. His last charge was at Sheet Harbor, Nova Scotia.

**Boys' Kid Gloves.** Did you ever try to buy a pair of boys' lined kid gloves? If you have, you know the special lines have been tried to find the best. The Oak Hill, Belleville, has two special lines made for Christmas trade. Prices 50c. and 75c.

#### Spring Brook.

Professor Boal's singing class is now fairly under way. A very enthusiastic Conservative meeting was held in the Orange Hall last Monday night in the interest of W. J. Allen. The hall was packed. Addresses were delivered by H. Corby, M. P.; W. B. Northrop, and A. F. Campbell. Elias McConnell, for more than fifty years a resident of this neighborhood, passed over to the silent majority last Thursday at the advanced age of 85. Samuel Stevens, aged 81, died at his father's residence last Tuesday night, of dialysis of the stomach, only a few days. The funeral took place on Thursday.

Spring Brook Sunday School is preparing for two Christmas trees and a big entertainment on Thursday evening the 22nd, in the I. O. F. Hall.

#### Glen Ross.

From Our Own Correspondent. Mrs. B. L. Brooks, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, is reported somewhat better. Mr. and Mrs. George Cook of Peterborough are visiting at Mr. S. Holden's. Mr. Walter Anderson returned to Brighton on Monday after spending a few days with his parents here. Mr. Fred B. Wagar is visiting relatives at Napawan. Mrs. Charles Nolan, who has been seriously ill for some time is able to be around again. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bradshaw of Corbyville are the guests of friends in this vicinity. Mr. Willie Winter arrived home last week after spending the summer at H. H. H.

#### Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent. Mrs. Alfred Fox and two children, of Lun. Mich., are spending the winter with Mrs. Fox's father, Mr. D. W. Vickert. The Union Sunday School intends having a Christmas tree and Cantata on Christmas eve in the South church. Collection at the door. The North Church intend having their anniversary services on Dec. 25th, and their usual tea meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 25th. Miss Eva Gossell is the guest of her brother, Mr. Jas. Gossell, of Crookston. Mr. Ethridge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Paulkner. Mr. Arthur Fenn is confined to the house on account of illness.

#### An Alleged Injustice.

(From Intelligencer Dec. 8.) An item appeared in the Intelligencer last night stating that Mrs. Mary E. Smith, of Stirling, had been committed to goal for one month on account of a fine. This action has aroused considerable indignation, and as a result the authorities of the village, County Councillor Parker, and even the Warden have interfered in her behalf. It appears that the unfortunate woman, who is in poor circumstances, had a case before Police Magistrate Flint some time ago, being charged by a neighbor with misrepresentation over a horse deal. It is alleged that the case was dismissed without the defendant being able to properly defend herself. No fine was imposed, but the costs amounting to \$11 were not paid for this she was committed to goal. Police Magistrate Flint says that he issued the warrant for commitment, because the parties to whom the costs were due had repeatedly urged him to obtain the money. Constable Garrett brought the woman to goal. This was the Warden in company with others visited the goal and endeavored to have the woman released, but she refuses, stating that she will serve her term and bring an action against those who were instrumental in having her incarcerated. The outcome of the case will be awaited with interest.

#### Presentation and Address.

The pupils of S. S. No. 13, Rawdon, surprised their teacher, Mr. J. R. Gay, on Monday evening, by presenting him with beautiful volumes of Milton's and Byron's poems together with the following address:—

DEAR TEACHER,—As the time has almost arrived when we must say "Good-bye" we wish to express in a slight measure, the esteem in which we hold you and the regret we feel at your leaving us. We know that while you have been with us you have "wrought us lasting good" by setting before us the example of a true gentleman as well as by taking such a deep interest in our studies. Sometimes you may have felt discouraged and thought you failed to appreciate your labors but in spite of our thoughtlessness we always felt grateful to you.

We would gladly have you remain with us longer but as " fate decrees that do not fight" we must ask you to accept these books, hoping that they may sometimes remind you of your pupils at Harold, who wish you the highest success wherever your lot may be cast.

Signed on behalf of the school, HARRY HEATH, ANNE SINE.

The teacher expressed his thanks in a few touching words, encouraging the pupils to aim high and telling them that he would always be interested in their welfare and pleased to hear of their success.

#### Fine Overcoat.

The Oak Hill, Belleville, would like to see the man who thinks "a good overcoat" had been made to order. Do you say you have had an overcoat at \$10, \$12 and 15, made and finished in every way superior to any ordered clothing. One look at the Oak Hill, Belleville, will convince the most carefully dressed man that a well made ready-to-wear coat is good enough for any one.

#### Good Books.

"Beautiful Joe," by Marshall Saunders, is one of the most notable books of recent years. It is the story of a dog, and it is written as if it were his autobiography. He belonged to a cruel master who terribly mistreated him. He was rescued from this cruel master by a kind man who took him home. The book is intensely interesting, and has obtained an immense circulation. It is a book that every child should read, and it is a book that every adult should read. It is a book that is published at thirty cents a copy, and it is a book that is sold for thirty cents a copy.

**A Beautiful Overcoat.** If you once see the beautiful beaver overcoat the Oak Hill are selling at \$10, you will wonder how such a coat can be produced for the money. In every respect it is equal to anything ever offered in Belleville at \$12. If you are thinking about a nice coat, just call and have a look at the best you ever saw for the money.

#### Conservative Association.

There will be a meeting of the Conservative Association of Stirling in McKee's Hall on Monday evening the 19th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing for the election to the Legislature on the 27th inst. All friends of the party are requested to attend. G. E. CRYER, J. E. HALLIWELL, Secretary, President.

#### NORTH HASTINGS ELECTION

To the Free and Independent Electors of North Hastings.

GENTLEMEN:—Your late member, W. J. Allen, having resigned his seat in the Ontario Legislature in order to save the exposure of the Election Court, another election has become necessary, and I am again before you as a candidate, and beg to solicit your support and influence. As it will be impossible for me to call upon the electors personally, I take this means of stating to you that if elected the interests of North Hastings will always have my best attention and support. You all know how important it is to a supporter of the Government should be the representative of this constituency, and as the present administration will undoubtedly remain in office for another four years, I hope to have the honor of becoming your representative in the Legislature. While nominated as the candidate of the Liberal party my duty to you and your interests shall be as conscientious as the very best. Election Dec. 27th. Yours respectfully, E. O. LOTT.

#### NOMINATION MEETING.

Fourth County Council Division, County of Hastings.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held pursuant to the Municipal Act, 1880, at FORESTERS' HALL, SPRING BROOK, —ON THE— 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1898,

between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of County Councillor for the Fourth County Council Division of the County of Hastings.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions within the said district on Monday, the Second Day of January, 1899, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon and no later.

Dated the Twentieth Day of November, 1898.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Nominating Officer.

#### FOR SALE.

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#### Stirling Cheese Factory.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and Patrons of the Stirling Cheese Factory will be held in the Factory on Friday, Dec. 16th, inst., at the hour of one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, letting milk routes, and the transacting of any other business.

JAMES SCOTT, President.

Rawdon, Dec. 5, 1898.

#### NOTICE!

On account of the illness of Mr. Montgomery I have rented the Stirling Steam Laundry, and kindly ask you to send your parcels in before Wednesday morning, as I am only going to work on Wednesday of each week.

M. HICKEY.

Two pair of Lumber Sleighs for sale.

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Fur Gauntlets, Muffs, Boas, Collarettes, etc.

## GEO. RITCHIE & CO., BELLEVILLE.

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This week we secured from an overstocked manufacturer a large lot of the above. They are in Black, Navy, Green and Tan Browns, plain Beavers and Curl Cloths. All sizes. We can fit slim ladies or stout ones, and if our prices are not from two to three dollars less than you can buy elsewhere—don't buy. All new stock.

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## CALENDARS FOR 1899.

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We must clear out our large stock of Fancy Goods this month, regardless of prices. This includes—

Lamps, Books, Bibles, Toys, Games, Perfumes, Albums, Novels, Poets, &c., &c.

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## FANCY CHINA.

Sugar and Cream Sets, beautifully decorated, were 40c., now..... 25c.  
Tea, Sugar and Cream, were \$1.00, now..... 60c.  
Japanese and Chinese Cups and Saucers, very fine goods, were 90c. & \$1 50c.  
Cups and Saucers, in pretty shapes and decorations, were from 25c. to 50c., now..... 15, 20, 25c.  
Five O'Clock Tea Sets, price \$1.75 and \$2.00, now only..... \$1 25  
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Standard Authors, fancy binding, suitable for mailing, were 35c., now..... 25c.  
—FOR 25 CENTS we can sell you a well printed, well bound book, green cloth covers, gilt titles, easily worth 35c., comprising such authors as Cowper, Hawthorne, Mayne Reid, Maryat, Longfellow, Scott, Milton, Dumas, Dickens, E. P. Roe, Lowell, Wallace, Thackeray, Bronte, etc.  
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Olive Oil & Cucumber Soap at 3 cakes for 10c.  
Blotting Paper, assorted colors, heavy, large size, 2 sheets for 5c.  
Note Paper, any size, 5 quires for 15c.  
Margin Ruled Foolscap, 15 cents for 100 Sheets.  
1,000 200-page Scribblers cleared out next week at 1c. each.  
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To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

## RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

Course west. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 a.m.

Mail..... 6:15 a.m. Mail..... 1:47 p.m.

Mixed..... 6:42 p.m. Mixed..... 10:20 a.m.

## The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898

## LOCAL MATTERS.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa will consecrate the Church of St. Lawrence on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The apostolic Rite of Confirmation will be administered in St. John's Church, Stirling, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Beautiful satin sumpers in assorted colors, each pair in a nice box, suitable for Xmas presents, at ward's.

The County Court commenced its sessions in Belleville on Tuesday. There is very little business to come before it.

There will be a special meeting of the Stirling Lodge A. O. U. W. No. 314 on Monday evening, the 19th. All members are requested to attend. Don't fail.

White and colored silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. for Xmas at ward's.

The Milk-maid's drill and the hunt for Santa Claus will be attractive features of the Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Church on Friday evening 23rd. Don't miss it.

The largest and best assorted stock of Crochery, China, Glassware, etc., specially for the Christmas trade will be found at S. Holden's, Rawdon.

his advertisements.

Suitable presents, a pair of Gloves, Necktie, Silk Mullers, Dress Shirt, Collars and Cuffs, Cuff Buttons, and Cuff Links from ward's.

The sale of road allowance in the township of Rawdon, between lots 18 and 19 in the 2nd. Con. took place yesterday by Public Auction. Mr. B. A. Lucas, of Sidney, was the purchaser.

As Christmas day comes on Sunday this year the bell will ring for Santa Claus 24 hours earlier than usual and he will distribute his presents at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Comfortable presents, a pair of Fur Gauntlets, Fur Muff, Collar, Cape, Cap or Boa from ward's.

The snow storm and high winds of last week have left the roads, especially the north and south ones, in the worst condition probably ever known for so early in the season. In many places they were impassable until considerable shovelling was done.

The service at Carmel Methodist Church, town line, at 2.30 p.m. Christmas afternoon (Sunday 25th) will be in the interest of the Sunday School, and liberal Christmas offerings are asked for to supply the School with literature.

The election campaign in North Hastings is now on in earnest, and meetings in behalf of each candidate are being held in various parts of the riding. It is likely one or more meetings will be held here next week at which some prominent men will speak.

The Ridge Road S. S. intend holding their annual Entertainment on Thursday evening Dec. 22nd. Professor Honeywell is expected to be with us. Admission—double 35c.; single 20c.; children 10c. Everybody come and enjoy an evening with us. By order of committee.

The services in the Methodist Church on Christmas day, Sunday Dec. 25th, will be of special interest. A Christmas Sermon will be preached in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Johnston. In the afternoon there will be a general rally of old and young in the body of the Church, when a service of singing, recitations and addresses will be held. In the evening a Christmas song service will be given.

The annual December meeting of the Stirling L. O. L. No. 110 was held in their Lodge room on Tuesday the 13th of December. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—J. Earl Halliwell.  
D. M.—A. Reid.  
Chaplain.—G. L. Scott.  
Rec. Sec.—L. E. Halliwell.  
Fin. Sec.—Thos. Montgomery.  
Treasurer.—John Arthur.  
D. of C.—Wm. Rodgers.  
Lecturers.—Thos. Anders and S. Paterson.

Committee—J. Barlow, Wm. Holden, Wm. Rodgers, A. McGee, John McGee.

Auditors.—F. T. Ward, W. S. Martin.

L. E. HALLIWELL, Rec. Sec.

Geo. H. McGee and wife, of Shady Nook, are here on a visit to his parents and friends.

The Christmas Entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held on the evening of Friday the 23rd. The excellent programme of singing recitations, drills, dialogues and debates that has been prepared is full of variety and will be interesting and entertaining to everybody. Admission 20 cents.

Mr. Will Grain intends running the skating rink on the pond here this winter, and announces that the rink will be in good condition for skating on Saturday afternoon.

The live question of the day! Shall we have Water-works and Electric light in Stirling? This question will be fully ventilated by the young men in the Methodist Church on Friday evening 23rd inst. In view of the coming municipal election, every ratepayer of the town should hear the arguments pro and con.

It is perfectly proper to "lie, steal, drink and swear," if done according to the following formula:—When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams; when you drink, let it be nothing but pure, cold water; when you steal, let it be away from immoral associates; when you swear, swear that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription in advance, and not send your job work from home.

The Rev. C. J. H. Hutton, Rector of Christ Church, Belleville, has nearly completed his canvass of the parish of Stirling for the Diocesan Augmentation Endowment fund. The subscriptions of St. John's Church parishioners amounted to \$555.00, St. Thomas' Church, Rawdon, \$488.00 making a total of \$1043.00.

Mr. Hutton is meeting with astonishing success in every parish he has visited.

**Fine Grey Lamb Caps.**  
Now is the time to make your selection of a grey lamb cap for your little girl or boy. The first pick in these caps, which ways very desirable. The Oak Hall, Belleville, have a carefully selected stock, prices \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. We invite a comparison of values on these grey lamb caps.

**Married.**  
SPENCER LINN.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Gilbert Ketchin, by the Rev. John Moore, on Nov. 30th, Miss IRVING SPENCER and MISS TILLY LINN, all of Rawdon Township.

GRINDWOOD-HOUSTEN.—In Trenton, on Dec. 13th, by Rev. Gilbert Horton, at the residence of the bride's parents, NELSON GRINDWOOD, of Stirling, and Mrs. NETTIE HOUSTEN, of Trenton.

GREEN-GUILLET.—At the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Guillet, Esq., by Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, L.L.B., on Dec. 14, Wm. GREEN, of Matheson, and THERESA GUILLET, of Rawdon.

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To know that Goods at this store are exactly as represented. That fact carries great weight with the buying public, who have realized, by actual experience, that in coming here they will not be disappointed, besides procuring the best goods, the best assortment. We guarantee them every satisfaction, even to the extent of refunding money.

**SPECIAL DISCOUNTS**

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**SALT**

We have a good supply always in stock.

**WM. HOLDEN.**

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**C Xmas Presents!**

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Useful and Ornamental.

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**S. HOLDEN.**

## J. Boldrick & Son

Invite the people to come and see the FURS they have to offer for your inspection now at Xmas time.

**Ladies' & Gentlemen's Fur Caps**

fine dark colored and prime Furs,

COON COATS, CLOTH LINED CAPES, and FINE SEAL CAPES,

trimmed with Sable. MANTLES in great variety, beautiful shades of Green, and Satin lined. Look out for our ad. card next week.

We have now some very choice Grey Lamb Gauntlets and Mitts for Xmas Gifts, and Grey Lamb Girls' Capes to offer.

**J. BOLDRICK & SON.**

## Christmas Buying

Has started, and we are prepared for it with the best assortment of goods ever offered in Stirling. Everybody is just claiming to have the best goods, but PARKER'S is recognized for everything that is the latest and best in our line.

## DRY GOODS.

Brocade Lustre 35c. now 25c. Ladies' Vests 20c. now...15c.  
Wrapperettes 15c. now...12c. Tam O'Shanter 25c. now 15c.  
Golf Cloakings...less than cost. Tam O'Shanter 50c. now 35c.  
Ladies' Vests 60c. now...50c.

## DO NOT FORGET OUR ULSTERS.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

Just a few pairs left. Now is your time to secure a pair.

**WE HAVE A FRESH STOCK OF GROCERIES**

on hand, bought especially for the Xmas trade.

Highest price paid for Dried Apples, Butter, Eggs, Poultry.

ALL REPAIR ACCOUNTS, whether Threshing or Reap-  
er, must be paid at once.

**E. F. PARKER.**

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Call and get Low Prices.

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## HERE I AM AGAIN

SANTA CLAUS has made his Headquarters at Fred. Ward's this year.

And you will get your Xmas presents there. They are all comfortable, ornamental, and useful. Call early and have them laid aside for you. We have put in the following goods as specialties for Xmas presents, and for variety of choice cannot be excelled.

Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 40c, 45c, 60c, 75c, \$1.10.  
Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c to \$1.50.  
Cashmere Mufflers, 25c to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.00.  
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c to \$1.50.

## Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derbys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots,—anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

## Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

## FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Caprines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store.

If Santa Claus can get an extra freight train we will want 500 School children to call on Saturday, as it will bring something for them, at

## FRED. T. WARD'S,

THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

## HOLIDAY BUYING.

EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELLETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80c; size 11/4 for \$1.00, size 11/4 for \$1.25; size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdkfs, all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2.

FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties. A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laundered and unlaundered, from 50c.

GROCERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your supply here.

Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

C. F. STICKLE,  
GENERAL MERCHANT.

## --XMAS --: GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

--On Exhibition for the Christmas Trade.

WATCHES—CLOCKS—CHAINS—BRACELETS—RINGS—  
STICK PINS—GARTERS—TOILET ARTICLES—MANICURE  
KNIVES—PAPER KNIVES—BOOK MARKS—BANQUET LAMPS,  
SILK SHADES—FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.  
WE INVITE INSPECTION.

W. H. CALDER,  
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Neither is there any place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, Provisions and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We give you a cordial invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. We can supply you, and our prices are right.

Cranberries, Currants, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Spices, Flour, Pork, Lard, Salt.

—In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

JOHN SHAW.

## Annual Examination for Teachers' Third Class Professional Certificates.

This examination was held in the County Model School, Madoc, on Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. On the 24th and 25th, the Examination was a written examination on papers set by the Education Department on the Science of Education, School Management, Methods in Mathematics, Methods in English, School Law and Regulations, and School Hygiene. On the following days the students-in-training were examined in Practical Teaching and in Black-board Work. Since that time the Board have been engaged in reading and valuing the answers.

There were 34 students in training, and, in addition, 21 teachers wrote at the written examination for a renewal of their professional certificates. The written answers gave indications of very careful training and preparation. The actual teaching of the students was of an average character. The Board would be pleased to see a decided improvement in this most important of all subjects.

The following students have been awarded Provincial Third Class Certificates valid in any part of the Province for three years from the first day of January 1899.

Ashley, Bessie. Thompson, Lillian  
Clancey, Anna. Fargue, Olga  
Farrell, Annie. Ketcheson, Rose.  
Frost, Edith. Brisk, Wesley.  
Foley, Nellie. Collins, Charles.  
Grass, Lottie. Doxtator, Fred.  
Hudgins, Mabel. Frizzell, John A.  
Harrison, Laura. Hagerman, W. K.  
Henry, Helen. Hamilton, J. W.  
Johnson, Minnie. Morrow, W. J.  
Latta, Jennie. O'Hara, Stanley.  
Martyn, John. Rebdge, Samuel.  
McMillen, Minnie. Thompson, John.  
McDonnell, Susie. McMurray, W. A.  
Presley, Emma. Clare, Charles.  
Stephenson, Annie.

Answers for Third Class Certificates valid for three years in the County of Hastings only, were granted to:—

Brown, W. C. Leveck, Elizabeth.  
Green, Norman. Laing, Grace.  
Miller, Alex. Mackay, Catherine.  
Trotter, Stanley. Morris, Lillie.  
Jordan, C. A. Payne, Minnie.  
Adams, May. Potter, Della.  
Brown, Lillian. Smith, Mabel.  
Dafoe, Mary. Stephenson, Ethel.  
Gowd, Ethel. Tate, Mary.  
Heenan, Maggie. Whytock, Lottie.

A renewal, valid for two years only was granted to Chambers, J. E.

The following additional County Third Class Certificates were granted:

Susan Anderson, (one year.)  
Tate, Edith, (2 years.)  
Mary Bates, (6 months.)  
Minnie Sutherland, (6 months.)

District Certificates, valid for two years in the following Schools Sections, viz:—1, 2, 5, Bangor; 4 Wicklow; 9 Montague; 1 Lake; 2 Mayo; 3 Herschel and Faraday, were granted to:—  
McCaw, Jane. Payne, Maude.  
Rollins, Carrie.

The Board wish it understood that hereafter no renewal of Certificate will be granted to any teacher who does not hold Junior Leaving qualifications.

The Board are of the opinion that Teachers with Junior leaving qualifications should attend the Normal School on the expiration of their Third Class Certificates, and do not intend by granting renewals to discourage them from, or enable them to avoid, doing so.

## County Council Nominations.

The nominations for County Councilors took place in the several divisions on Monday last.

In No. 1 Division, Sidney, Messrs. B. Mallory and J. A. Holgate were elected by acclamation.

In No. 2 Division, Thurlow, Messrs. Farley, McCargar, Ross, Denyes, Vermilyea, Leavens and Dr. Faulkner were nominated. Messrs. Farley and Vermilyea retired, and the others are likely to stand a contest.

In No. 3 Division, Tyendinaga and Deseronto—Messrs. J. C. Hanley and A. McFarlane were elected by acclamation.

In No. 4 Division, Stirling, Rawdon and Marmora and Lake, Messrs. F. B. Parker and J. W. Pearce were re-elected by acclamation.

## Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Perry Bird and two children of Brandon, Manx, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Scott.

Mr. Ambrose Faulkner is confined to the bed with inflammatory rheumatism. Dr. Faulkner is in attendance.

What might have been a very serious fire was happily seen in time to be extinguished. About 6 o'clock Sunday morning Dr. Jose was driving by A. Hubble's harness shop, and saw a bright light. He drove up and stopped and soon saw that the floor was on fire. He broke a pane of glass and rushed in with some snow and soon got it under control, and ran and awakened the proprietor, who with the Dr.'s help soon had the fire out. It is supposed to have started from cigar stumps or matches thrown in a box used for that purpose.

## Gents' Neckwear.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, are now getting in the very latest novelties in neckwear. We picked the silk and had them made. In giving a Christmas gift it is very much better to give you the proper thing. Our 35c. and 50c. goods are handkerchiefs and free of charge. It makes the gift look twice as much when it is properly put up. Think of this when selecting neckwear.

## FULL RANGE OF XMAS NOVELTIES IN CROCKERY.

## "STIRLING CASH STORE."

CUT THIS OUT FOR REFERENCE IN YOUR XMAS BUYING

## CHRISTMAS BARGAINS.

### DRY GOODS.

For the Xmas trade this Department is well assorted, and bristles with bargains.

In Dress Goods our stock is complete, and comprises the newest goods.

### Black Henriettas

at 35c, 50c, 75c, 80c, \$1.00.

### SPECIAL.

Fine Black Henrietta, corded back, big value..... 75c.  
Fine Black plain Henrietta, the best value to be found..... 50c.  
Fine Black Henrietta, 46-inch, regular value 75c..... 65c.

### Tweed Dress Patterns.

From now until Xmas we offer some special bargains.  
Regular \$2.50 Suits for.....\$2.00  
" \$5.50 Suits for.....\$4.00  
" \$5.75 Suits for.....\$4.25  
" \$6.50 Suits for.....\$4.75

### Cloakings.

Sixty pieces to select from. Prices from 75c. to \$2.25.

### Table Linens

25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 90c.  
Beautiful fine Pure Linen, nearly 2 yards wide, only..... 50c.

### Wrapperettes.

This week we just opened a new line of Heavy Wrapperettes in Plaid and pretty patterns.

Special value, heavy weight..... 10c.  
32-in. Heavy Flannellette..... 5c.

### NEW LACES, NEW GLOVES, NEW HANDKERCHIEFS.

### NEW RIBBONS.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c.  
Gentlemen's large size Lawn Handkerchiefs..... 5c.  
Gentlemen's Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs..... 25c.  
Feather Boas, starting at..... 25c.

We are bound to bring a large trade this way if Prices and Quality are any inducement.

## T. G. CLUTE.

## CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

## At the Popular Shoe Store.

### For the Ladies—Our first Thought Always.

Ladies' Felt Romeos and Juliets  
" Slippers and House Boots.  
" Gaiters and German Slippers.  
" Fine Overshoes and Rubbers.  
" Cardigan Overshoes. Ladies' Skating Boots.  
" Spats, Overgaiters and Leggings.

### For the Men.

Men's Fancy Plush Slippers.  
" Carpet Slippers.  
" Opera (Chocolate) Slippers  
" Fine Overshoes.  
" Felt Gaiters.  
" Spats (fawn and black).

### For the Girls.

Girl's Neat Skating Boots.  
Girl's Fancy German Slippers.  
Girl's Cardigan Overshoes.  
Girl's Lined Rubbers.  
Girl's Moccasins.

### For the Boys.

Boys' Moccasins.  
" Skating Boots.  
" Rubbers.  
" Sox & Rubbers.

### FOR CHILDREN.

Children's Felt Button Boots.  
" Gritters and Slippers.  
" Cardigan Overshoes.  
" Rubbers.  
" Moccasins (fancy).  
" Santa Claus Slippers.

You will always find anything you want in Boots, Shoes or Rubbers at the Lowest Prices. Give us a call when doing your Xmas shopping.

## MARTIN & REYNOLDS.









## A CHRISTMAS BARGAIN.

It was not at the beautiful row of evergreens behind which he was entrenched, nor at the big, comfortable farm house, nor at the old man chopping wood in the yard, that Ellis Morrison was waiting; it was at an old coat hanging on the clothes line and flapping at a lively rate in the cold wind. A glance at his own old, thin coat would have explained why he eyed the other with so much interest.

Ellis could have slipped in behind the dense foliage of the evergreens and stolen the old coat. And that was the very thought that forced itself into his mind, for he was shivering cold. But the bad intruder was forced out as quickly as it came in, "he said, 'even if I am nearly frozen.'"

If Ellis had only known it, there was too much of the father and mother, who were now so silent in a distant resting-place in him to be guilty of stealing even an old coat.

"But I know what I will do," he said. On this determination he started quickly up the walk toward the house and went to where the old man was chopping wood.

"Hello, sonny!" said the farmer, cordially, as Ellis approached. "Pretty tough weather, ain't it?"

"Yes, it's awful cold," returned Ellis, his teeth chattering, "so he could hardly speak. 'I-I-I thought-I would see if I could make a bargain with you.'"

"A bargain!" exclaimed Mr. Thornton stopping work. What kind of a bargain?"

"I want to saw enough wood for you to pay for that old coat on the line, if you haven't any more for it. My old coat is just about gone and I'm terrible cold."

Mr. Thornton looked down at the boy's purple face and thin clothes. "That's a queer offer at a trade," he said. "But I'm always ready to make a good bargain. You'd better come into the house first and get warm, and I'll speak to my wife about the coat."

The farmer led the way into the big, warm kitchen, where his wife was busy dressing some fowls. "Now, sonny, you go over to the stove and warm yourself," he said to Ellis. Then turning to his wife, "Say, Melindy, you ain't got no use for that old coat out there on the line, have you? I'd like to make a bargain to saw some wood for it."

Mrs. Thornton halted over a half-pickled hen and peered over her glasses at Ellis. She didn't like boys. She had never had any of her own, which fact she regarded as one of the chief blessings of her life. Neither had her husband been rounded out by the possession of loving, teasing brothers. Her estimate of boy character was formed from tales by crutchy, old-loving old maids. The richness and worthiness that underlie the noise and mischief of boy life were wholly lost upon Ellis, but notwithstanding this dislike Mrs. Thornton could not help pitying Ellis, he was so thin and dressed and looked so cold.

"Well-no-I don't know as I have," she replied. "It's one of your brother's old coats he left here when he went west two years ago. I guess some of the boys had got into it so I thought I'd hang it outdoors and let 'em freeze up. But I should think it would be a sight too big for that boy."

"But if he wants it, that's his business," said Mr. Thornton. "And I own I shouldn't mind having a little help on the wood. My rheumatism is troubling me dreadfully this mornin', and Hiram is so slow at his work, seems he never gets time to cut any wood."

"You wouldn't want a boy to work for you, would you?" asked Ellis. He had asked that same question at farm after farm, only to meet with refusals. He expected nothing else now.

"Well-no-I guess-not," said Mr. Thornton slowly, after his wife had shaken her head warningly at him.

"We've got one hand, a nephew, working for us. The other's the help we can afford to keep in winter time."

He stood looking down on the boy as he spoke. There was tenderness and generosity in the old man's soul. Some boy angel must have whispered in his ear as he looked at Ellis. He disappeared for a moment, then returned with a plate heaped up with slices of bread, cold meats and doughnuts.

"Here, sonny," he said, "you better eat a little snack before you go to work."

Ellis sat down by the stove and ate with the same keen relish as would any other half-starved creature. When he finished his lunch he went to the wood pile where he worked industriously for a few hours. The old farmer worked with him.

"Well, I guess you've paid for your coat by this time," said Mr. Thornton at length.

"Not for the lunch. I was awfully hungry and so glad to get something to eat, and I want to pay for it," said Ellis chopping away.

"But I don't want you to pay for that. However, I like your spirit. I'd a sight sooner see a boy, than a man, too, for that matter, independent and industrious enough to work his way out of a scrape. It's a good sign, I just hate a beggar. But you stop your choppin' now and go and get your coat. And here, sonny," the farmer shoved his hand down in his pocket and drew out a silver half-dollar, "this is your Christmas money, you know, and this is a little gift for you."

Ellis was soon trudging along the path to the road, but he was a much happier boy than before. The old coat, added greatly to his comfort, and his glad fingers fairly tingled at the feeling of the half-dollar in his pocket. He asked for work at several farms, but it seemed as if the world held no place for him. When night came on he was still on the road, and he was in the road in the morning.

From the road in a sheltered spot, "I'll sleep till dark, then I'll go on my way," he said inwardly. "I hate to ask people to let me stay overnight. They say as if they thought I was some kind of vermin."

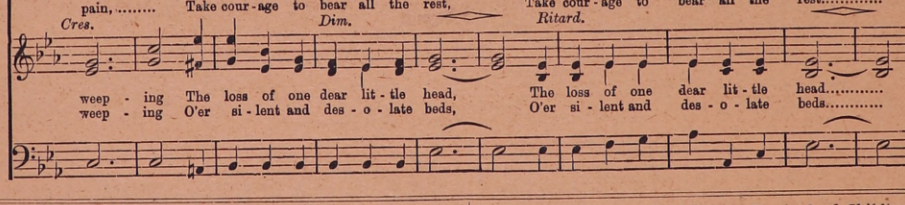
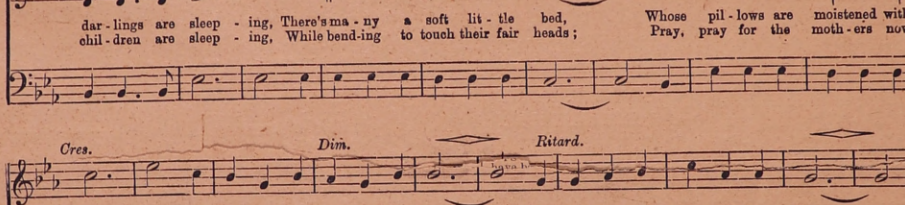
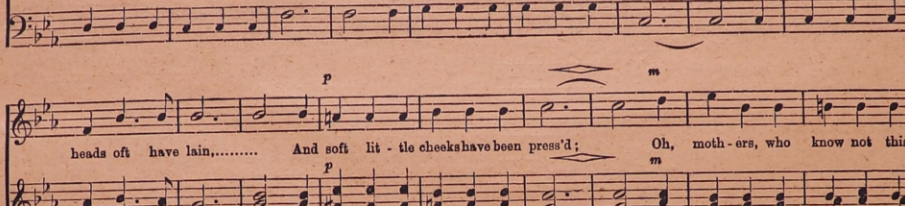
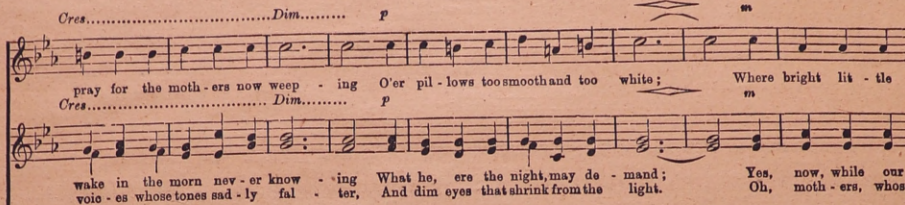
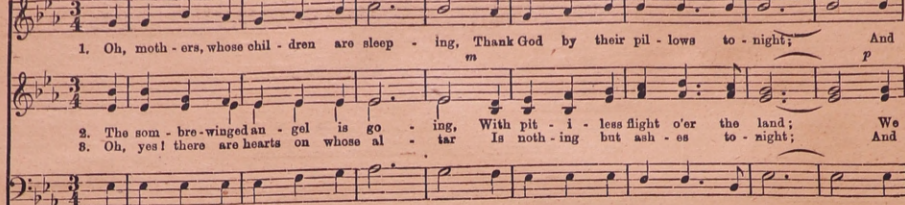
He went to the stacks and selected

## "MOTHERS, WHOSE CHILDREN ARE SLEEPING."

Words ANON.

Andantino.

Muslo by GEO. F. ROOT.



Ellis was greatly excited. After trying in vain to make out the ancient he wrapped the money up again and put it carefully away in his pocket. He then crept back into his cold bed. But his mind was full of new and conflicting thoughts. On first finding the money he supposed without a doubt that it was his. He had bought the coat, and of course, everything in the pockets went with it as he argued. But as he lay there, with the blinking stars looking in his face and the impressive quietness of the night around him, a great many thoughts came to his mind. And before he fell asleep it was made very clear to him that the money was not his, that it had been lost to its owner by slipping through a hole in his pocket, and he must return it to the old farmer.

Ellis slept very well, considering his cold, hard bed, and did not waken until broad daylight. His first thought almost was for the money. He got up in a hurry and taking out the roll from his pocket, spread the bills out, and was shocked to find four \$10 bills. "Forty dollars!" exclaimed Ellis, "How on this earth could such a sum be left in an old coat, I guess I'm the one that made a good bargain. If I'm a mind to keep it. But I won't. I know well enough that I can't miss it, they didn't intend for me to have it, that it was there by some accident, so what's the use of trying to make myself believe a lie. I'm going right straight back and give it to that old man."

He started back and reached the Thornton farm by the middle of the

be a good boy to have round and I'm more in that notion than ever. So if you want to we'll strike a Christmas bargain, and you can feel that you've got a home."

"O, I'm so glad, so glad," cried Ellis.

"And now," said Mr. Thornton, "you go in that room to the side and the best of the celebration is in helping our neighbors to be happy and thus sharing our happiness with them. There is no happiness compared to love, and the happiness grows greater as the love embraces more and more of our fellow-creatures. That is the best Christmas time in which one feels most acutely by the act of kinship with all the world. It is the child that is the real democrat, for, as Emerson has it, he makes children of all the adults that gather around him, levels them to his own simplicity. The man who has the childhood is the man whose interest in himself is most merged into interest for his fellow-creatures. Though one may have felt sin and shame and sorrow may assuage them in the promotion of the happiness of others. Love is the only antidote, and giving it out it returns upon us manifold as the objects upon which it is bestowed. That man who awakens the Christmas spirit in the hearts about him will find it subtly stealing from them to his own, and will, almost unknowing, find better disposed by sweet, and warmth usurping cold therein. This world is very fair and charity makes it all the fairer when its glow reminds us of the long, long night that death shall last. Christmas feeling makes the most of the Now. It staves for the After-the-deluge or the dark. It is real life to live, if but for a week, a day, a moment, in full sympathy of helping with our fellows. If we can make others forget the Past we may forget our own. If we can but give to others a little of the antidotes of kindness for the poison of the present, the Christmas presents! And the future is formed of the spirit that animates to-day. The real feeling of Christmas must blossom from acts."

Christmas Goose.

In England goose is more often the Christmas bird than turkey. To those who think of substituting a goose for a turkey the caution is given that the former, though it may present an ample and tempting appearance as it is brought to the table crisp and aromatic, will serve by no means generously, as only the breast is available. Under the modern treatment of removing the tough leg tendons, thus gaining all the drumstick meat, there is no edible bird to compare in economy with the turkey.

True Love.

Wife-Why. George, you haven't smoked any of those cigars I gave you for a Christmas present!

Hubby-No, dear, I haven't the heart to burn anything you gave me.

Reference for Christ.

Many persons who would not avow themselves Christians express admiration and reverence for Christ.

## Orange Favors for the Christmas Dinner.

Delicate favors with which to decorate the Christmas table can be fashioned from oranges. They take the form of little baskets, filled with nuts and bon-bons, or they may be made to serve as unique candlesticks for holding tiny Christmas tree tapers.

Both of these quaint fancies are easily produced by the aid of a sharp pen-



AN ORANGE BASKET.

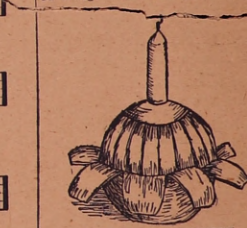
knife and a large amount of patience. To make the basket, take a perfect orange and from it cut out small portions, or "quarters," represented by A. in diagram 1. This done, with the knife and a spoon, remove the contents, care being taken to preserve the peel from injury. The contents may be eaten, made into orange jelly, or disposed of in any desirable way as it is of no further use for our purpose. The finished basket is now washed in cold water, dried, and filled with fruit, flowers or nuts. A small card, bearing the name of the guest for whom it is intended, is attached to the handle by a tiny bow of baby ribbon. This



DIAGRAM 1.

attractive basket is shown in our first illustration.

The candlestick requires greater skill in cutting but is more satisfactory in the end, as the fruit is not wasted for at the close of the meal the candle can be removed and the orange eaten. In preparing it, cut through the peel only as shown in the heavy lines in diagram 2. Slip the penknife under the pieces of peel marked A, and separate them from the inside, then turn them back at the dotted line. The cap B is left on to prevent the wax from falling on the fruit. Cut a small slice, C, at the bottom to prevent any possibility of the orange rolling. Make a small hole at the top and insert the candle. With a lighted orange and white candlestick at



AN ODD CANDLESTICK.

each place, a table so decorated presents a most fairy like appearance. Of course, these lights are only suitable for a late dinner or supper as by daylight their effect is lost. Jellyed oranges also make pretty decorations for the Christmas table. Their contents are most delicious and they are easily made. Peel an orange and carefully insert the handle of a small spoon, and work gently between the fruit and the peel until the latter on both sides of the slit readily comes off in the form of two little bowls. Remove the peel from any oranges

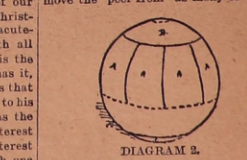


DIAGRAM 2.

thus as will be required, and fill up the hole, if there be one, at the bottom of either of the halves of the peel with white wax. Then with the juice of these oranges, one lemon to bring up the flavor, and a half a box of gelatine more or less, according to the number of oranges used—make a rather sour jelly and fill the skins just prepared. This is delicious to serve with poultry.

Orange drops made in the following way will be excellent for filling the basket first described. To the juice of one orange, carefully strained, add the grated rind of one and a half lemons, and mix with a pinch of tartaric acid, which can be bought of any druggist, should be made in exactly the same way, and will be found a very delicious sweetmeat. Crystallized ginger is also an appetizing filling.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS.

Strings of silver and gilt balls and balls of raw cotton make pretty and effective decorations. Shreds of raw cotton may also be sprinkled over the tree. This does very nicely to represent snow. English walnut, either natural or gilded, may be tied with ribbon and added to the other materials. You cannot have too much of the beautiful. A dozen or more dolls, made of bright colored tissue paper, should be added if there are any little girls in the house. Candy canes and sugar animals of every conceivable kind are always appreciated by the youngsters.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899

"THE NEWS-ARGUS" this week contains a large amount of special Christmas reading and other enjoyable matter, as well as a piece of music. See the inside pages.

The two-cent postage rate to Great Britain and nearly all British colonies comes into effect on the day after Christmas day. The postage rate in Canada, and to the United States will still be the same as heretofore—three cents. The new two-cent stamps may however be used as part payment of the three cent rate.

### The Consecration of St. Lawrence Church.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 16th, the Church of St. Lawrence was solemnly set apart from all common uses and consecrated for the worship of God. The Lord Bishop of Ottawa officiated in the absence of the Archbishop of Ontario. The sacred edifice was nicely decorated, and a large congregation was present to witness the sacred ceremony. The choir of St. John's church, Stirling, was present to lead the singing. His Lordship gave a very impressive address from the text, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst." The Bishop explained that two or three must be gathered together, not in their own name but really in Christ's name and by His authority if they are to expect His blessing or His presence in their midst. A small marble font was presented to the church by the Rev. J. H. McNeill. Great credit is due Mr. D. Wootton for his untiring zeal in getting the Church of St. Lawrence established. It was through his efforts that the church was bought.

### Confirmation in St. John's Church.

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa administered the Apostolic Rite of laying on of hands in St. John's Church, Stirling. Notwithstanding the state of the roads and the early hour, a large congregation was present. Twenty-three persons were presented to the Bishop, who after the manner of the apostles, prayed for them, and laid his hands upon them that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts vii. 17.) His Lordship gave two addresses, one before the Confirmation and one after. In the first address he exhorted them to be intelligent churchmen and churchwomen, remembering that the church is the body of Christ, that Christ dwells in His people through His body, which is the Catholic Church, by means of the Sacraments, which are the channels of His grace. In the second address he advised the candidates to examine themselves every night before going to rest, and to make a careful use of the little book, called the "Narrow Way" which all had received from their clergyman.

The Marmora Herald is advocating the incorporation of that village.

The recent bank robbery trial at Nanaimo cost the County of Lennox \$24,000.

Victoria County will vote on the question of a House of Refuge at the municipal elections.

At the bye-election held in East Northumberland last week, Mr. Douglas, Liberal, was re-elected by a majority of 602.

The Miller Bros. Company, of Montreal, seek Dominion incorporation to carry on business in the manufacture of pulp, paper, etc., with capitalization of \$200,000. The principals are: William Thos. Miller, Montreal; Walter Syme Miller, Glen Miller, Ontario; George Hyde, Montreal; Catherine Isabelle Baillie Miller, Montreal; Walter Syme Miller, Glen Miller; James Robert Walker, Westmont.

At Tamworth, Ont., the fine residence of Mr. W. D. Mace was burned early Tuesday morning. Nothing was saved and the family had to flee in night clothes. Mr. Mace lost over \$300, which was in his trousers pocket, and some of Mr. Mace's money was also burned. John Mace's home, which was also burned; contents saved. Mr. Mace's property insured for \$80,000; Mowbray's property, very little insurance.

One of the largest pulp mills in the world is a probability of the next few months for the Ottawa district. Mr. Hiram Maxim of London, England, the inventor of the celebrated Maxim gun, and Mr. Charles L. James, lumberman, of Boston, went out to Gilmour & Houston's mills at Chelsea to examine the water power, with a view to establishing a mammoth pulp mill. Mr. Maxim said that he could not give much information, but that he was here to examine a water power and pulp lands with a view to building a big mill. He has a large amount of money to back up his talk. He is a man of great wealth, and has a large family. He is a man of great wealth, and has a large family. He is a man of great wealth, and has a large family.

### Election of Officers.

At a meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 303, held at West Huntingdon on Dec. 20th, 1899, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W.M.—Bro. William Kingston. D.M.—Bro. Wm. Adams. Chap.—Bro. Robt. Roy. Rec.—Bro. James Gray. Fin.—Bro. James Jeffrey. Treasurer.—Bro. Harry Kingston. D. of C.—Bro. Luther Dafe. Lecturers.—Bro. Wilmont Kingston and Fred Kingston. Organ.—Bro. Sam. Com. —Bro. Wm. Wilson. I.T.—Bro. R. Kerr. O.T.—Bro. J. Stout.

### Murray Hill Disaster Lawsuits.

Mrs. W. H. Brady has entered an action against G.T.R. Operator John Murphy, who was on duty at Murray Hill on November 15, when her husband, W. H. Brady, was killed. She enters a charge of manslaughter against the G.T.R. from East Northumberland served summonses for witnesses at the preliminary trial at Cobourg on Tuesday. E. Gus Porter, of Porter & Farnham, is acting for Mrs. Brady. Mrs. John J. Casey has entered an action for the death of her husband against the G.T.R. He was a passenger of the train wrecked at Murray Hill on November 15, and was en route to Bowmanville to take charge of the engine of a freight train, which had met with an accident; she claims \$10,000 damages. Mr. Porter is also her solicitor.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

DEAR SIR:—A report having been circulated that Wm. Ward sent skinned milk to the Kellogg Cheese Factory, the matter was brought before the annual meeting, and a motion unanimously passed wholly exonerating Mr. Ward or any of his family of having any knowledge of such skimming being done.

JAMES BRID,  
President Kellogg Cheese Factory.

### Notable Publications.

Whoever desires to read the most widely circulated work on Christian Evidences ever issued should send ten cents to H. L. Hastings, 47 Central, Boston, Mass., for a copy of his famous essay on "The Inspiration of the Bible." It has been translated into nearly twenty languages, and nearly three million copies have been circulated. It is an excellent and highly commended work.

"Norman McDonald," by I. H. Brown, is a \$1.00 book, published by the Standard Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. It is one of the best and most interesting books published by that great firm, and that is saying a great deal, for they issue hundreds of excellent books. "Norman McDonald" is a story for the times, and everyone should read it.

Every lady who has not seen the superb Christmas Number of The Delinquent should send fifteen cents for a copy to the Delinquent Publishing Co., Toronto. It is a wonderful issue of a great periodical, and every woman should read it.

### Something Worth Having.

The December issue of THE CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL, which is the Christmas number, has been enlarged to 36 pages, and contains many excellent, interesting and profitable literary contributions from the pens of well-known Canadian writers, while the illustrations are many and good. The issue contains a complete copy with many other good things. In the Christmas issue of The Delinquent, one of the finest. This is alone worth ten cents, the price of the paper. Each issue of THE CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL contains a popular song with music, and our readers should keep up a stock of popular songs should subscribe for the JOURNAL at \$1.00 per annum. Among the many special features is an illustrated Christmas drama for children, by Mary Agnes Fitzgibbon, suitable for children's parties and entertainments. Send ten cents for sample copy or your subscription to Stewart Publishing Company, Toronto.

The January Number of THE DELINQUENT is called the Holiday Number and heralds the magazines twenty-seventh year of existence as the most accurate and complete index of the requirements of fashion and medium of household and social information. The high literary character of the publication is verified in this issue by a number of features of marked excellence. The best of a series of six papers on the Development of a Boy, by Mrs. Alice Maynard, treats in a delightful way of early education of consciousness. An Extraordinary Legacy, by Anna Robson, Brown, and A Bachelor of Arts, by Jeanie Drake, are short stories, having a charming holiday flavor. Other departments contain a choice selection of most interesting material on a variety of subjects. The article on Church Hangers, by Emma Howard, and those on the Holiday Displays and the regular departments—Social Observances, The Dressmaker, Millinery, Lace-making, Crocheting, Tatting, Knitting, etc.—of the usual high order of merit. The Delinquent Publishing Co. of Toronto, Limited, 31 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont., \$1.00 a year, single copies 15 cents.

Two girls have died and the remainder of a family of eight, at Hillsboro, Ohio, are suffering and are expected to die from trichinosis, contracted by eating pork the family had killed.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homeless women were housed in Manitoba and the Territories, as compared with 2,383 in 1897. This year Winnipeg real estate men report largely increased sales of land to soldiers.

A by-law to authorize the issue of debentures for the sum of \$10,000 for the construction of waterworks and sewerage systems for the Town of Oshawa is to be submitted to the ratepayers to vote upon on January 21.

Acting Warden Foster of the Kingston Penitentiary says the best work that the Prisoners' Aid Association could do against the private detectives who hunt them and track them, and when they have got employment wear the employment badge.

At Belleville on Saturday night a large farm house on Black River avenue, owned by Mr. Warren, of Montreal, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Veneale, the tenant, who is a dealer in bicycles, lost several vehicles and all his household effects. Insured for \$1700; loss on building \$1200; insured.

There has been a great deal of talk recently of the need of some widespread action to cope with the increasing ravages of consumption in Great Britain. The Prince of Wales has now summoned a meeting at Marlborough House to promote a war against tuberculosis. The Marquis of Salisbury and a number of famous medical men will take part in it.

### Christmas Presents In.

Boxed neckwear, boxed handkerchiefs, neck scarves, silk handkerchiefs, gloves and mitts, for men, ladies and children, the Oak Hall, Belleville. The proper presents are always in stock and can be had. When you buy something for a friend, think of what that friend needs most.

### STATEMENT OF

### RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

—OF THE—

### TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON.

From December 15th, 1897, to January 1st, 1898; and from January 1st to December 15th, 1898; also, Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

### RECEIPTS

FROM DECEMBER 15th, 1897, TO JANUARY 1st, 1898.

Taxes from Roll of 1897.....\$4070 00

### EXPENDITURE

FROM DECEMBER 15th, 1897, TO JANUARY 1st, 1898.

Schools.....\$9032 29

County rates.....65 00

For Financial Statements.....6 00

\$4568 29

### RECEIPTS

FROM JAN. 1st to DEC. 15th, 1898.

Balance in Treas. hands.....\$62 44

Taxes from Roll of 1897.....4051 29

Interest on same.....225 48

License.....33 33

Taxes from Roll of 1898.....384 81

County grant on roads.....337 50

Stiles estate.....32 00

Legislative grant to Schools.....420 00

\$8025 29

### EXPENDITURE

FROM JAN. 1st to DEC. 15th, 1898.

John A. Bell, delinquent School Section No. 5.....\$157 00

Stinson & Co., delinquent School Section No. 7.....129 50

Wills, ordinary rates.....3332 54

Interest on same.....15 05

Thos. Wills, county spec. rates.....733 01

Interest on same.....6 00

David C. Ellis, on ordinary rates of 1898.....160 00

Wm. Meiklejohn, note.....1100 00

Interest on same.....50 00

Board of Health.....420 00

Norman Wellman, grant.....1 50

\$6123 00

### SCHOOLS.

No. 12.....\$349 06

No. 3.....349 86

No. 6.....356 48

No. 15.....174 74

No. 16.....534 20

No. 8.....505 45

No. 5.....311 80

No. 17.....34 04

No. 14.....534 20

No. 19.....337 31

\$2360 54

### PAUPERS.

Mrs. Small.....\$50 00

Ann Wellman.....18 00

Mrs. Orser.....32 00

Dorland Caldwell.....30 00

Wm. Wallace.....104 85

Gardner.....74 08

Wm. Carson.....17 95

Isaiah Scrimshaw, coffin.....12 00

\$397 88

### MISCELLANEOUS.

James Currie, printing 1897.....\$50 00

Election expense.....66 00

B. O. Lott, advice R. C. Clute re road allowance.....5 00

James Currie, printing re road allowance.....26 90

Option by-law.....29 60

Registration births, marriages and deaths.....29 60

T. Farnham, affidavit on Lucas's bond.....50 50

Municipal World, 6 Ballot Acts.....50 00

Clerk, stationery.....9 00

R. C. Clute, advice re paupers and Local Option by-law.....18 00

Treasurer's cash book and express charges.....3 90

Wm. Meiklejohn, int. on loan.....66 00

Poling books by Emma Howard.....20 00

Wallace Hoard, rebate s.....3 00

Social Register, Local Option by-law.....6 61

Philip Brown, error in assessment 1897.....54 00

Assessors' Court of Revision.....4 00

Wm. Flint, 150 feet of land.....1 50

J. B. Flint, costs of court Philip and Rawdon.....8 00

Assessors, equalizing Union S. S. No. 7.....5 00

David Tucker, damage vehicle, Stewart Masson, advice re Roll of 1895.....8 00

Notes of Revision.....44 40

Parker Bros., interest on money drawn account.....1 15

\$878 00

### ROADS.

John A. Bell, com s C.P.R.....\$5 00

R. Harris, gravel.....2 40

Robert Craig, cedar or culverts and bridges.....25 75

Lewis Gordenby, com s 1.....4 00

Joseph Mumby, gravel.....1 20

David Fox, com s 1.....8 00

Frank Ryan, job on road.....6 00

Jas. Clements, job on road, cedar.....6 25

James Ryan, gravel.....4 40

Gorman Stiles, job on road.....15 00

John Farrell, gravel.....15 20

J. W. Meiklejohn, job on town.....12 00

John P. Mack, rebate s 1.....4 40

John Bailey, gravel.....1 25

Yonker Leister, job on road.....10 00

John C. Wilson, com s 1.....2 00

Robert Johnston, com s 1 Enter-prise Cheese Company.....2 00

Sam. McGee, rep. Seeley's bridge.....2 00

Sine Creamery, rebate s 1.....2 00

Andrew Reid, job on Con 11.....5 00

John Booth, job on Con 14.....10 00

Ellis McKim, 2149 feet cedar at \$11.50 per cord.....24 25

Benjamin Stiles, job on road.....1 50

Richard Harris, gravel.....9 00

John C. Wilson, com s 1.....2 00

Thos. Rupert, com s 1 Springbrook Jas. A. Bailey, com s 1 Mrs. Linn and Mr. Brydon.....8 00

Richard Harris, gravel.....2 00

James McInroy, com s 1 1897.....8 00

John Clancy, job on town line.....2 75

W. J. Spry, gravel, com s 1.....2 00

James Stanley, gravel.....2 25

Peter Lovelock, job on road.....5 00

Samuel Forestell, job on culvert and stringers.....4 50

Chas. Forestell, gravel.....1 45

Reuben Hoard.....7 05

John H. Reid.....1 60

Wm. Emerson, culvert.....4 00

P. Linn, rep. culvert and cedar.....7 5

John Rodgers, two scrapers.....17 00

Wm. Waller, gravel.....7 70

Geo. Dwyer, com s 1.....2 00

Thos. Montgomery, building road 10 00

Geo. Sine, cedar for culvert.....1 25

Wm. Gould, gravel, job on road.....1 50

Alex. Johnston, job on road.....12 00

John A. Potts, job on bridge.....5 00

Amos Parks, gravel.....9 10

Wm. Gould, gravel, job on road.....12 50

David McComb, job on 12th Con. 14 00

Samuel McComb, gravel.....1 00

Paul Connor, com s 1.....1 00

Wm. Rodgers, gravel.....4 25

John Linn.....5 40

S. N. Sessmith, cedar.....7 5

Wm. Hagerman, gravel.....7 65

John Baker, job on road.....4 50

Toht, Rodgers, repairing bridge and building culvert.....8 50

Isaac Spry, job on road.....5 00

Harford Reid.....5 00

Amos Parks, gravel.....9 85

John Linn, repairing bridge and culvert.....8 75

Chas. Mosher, gravel.....8 20

Your Letter, job on Huntingdon town line.....15 00

Wm. Mumby, job on road.....10 00

John H. Reid, gravel.....10 45

John W. Haffman, job on road.....15 00

Andrew Meiklejohn, job.....7 00

Bert. Dunham, com s 1.....2 00

Samuel Hagerman, gravel.....8 00

Wm. Meiklejohn, job on road 41 00

Jobs paid out by Road Surveyor.....12 00

John Bateman, job on road.....18 90

Selecting jurors.....12 00

Paul Connor, com s 1.....45 00

Allen Reid, job on road.....5 00

Ernest Spencer, job on road.....10 00

John Stiles, gravel.....3 90

Wm. Hagerman, job on town line 45 00

of Stirling.....50 00

Walter Spry, job \$10, gravel \$2.....12 00

John Cook, paid job.....7 00

John P. Mack, com s 1.....15 00

Norman Wellman, gravel.....1 50

\$582 46

### OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Jas. T. Belshaw, Collector 1897.....\$90 00

Samuel Armstrong, caretaker of Hall.....18 50

Green & Russell, assessors.....70 00

Jas. Scott and Wm. Meiklejohn, auditors.....20 00

Board of Health.....85 50

Thos. C. McConnell, salary as Clerk.....150 00

Jas. Johnston, Road Surveyor.....35 00

John A. Heath, Treasurer.....90 00

Thos. J. Dwyer, salary as Clerk.....45 00

Wm. Rodgers, 1st Deputy Reeve.....80 00

Wm. Linn, 2nd ".....80 00

Richard Clements, Councillor.....80 00

Thos. H. Matthews.....80 00

\$670 00

### ASSETS.

Balance on Roll of 1895.....\$243 38

" " 1898.....9298 19

County treasurer's hands.....100 00

\$9541 52

### LIABILITIES.

Due County Treasurer for rates for 1898.....\$1253 71

James Currie, printing.....50 00

Balance due Schools.....2779 77

Overdrawn on Treasury.....1459 60

\$8573 08

Assets over Liabilities.....\$1068 44

JOHN A. HEATH, Treasurer.

T. J. THOMPSON, Reeve.

### NEW GROCERY

One door east Meiklejohn's Hardware.

A Fresh and well assorted Stock of Groceries all ways on hand.

Just arrived—

New Season's Fruits, Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Figs, Nuts, Etc.

BEST BRANDS OF CANN







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THE MISTLETOE BOUGH

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Old German Potcakes.—Well wash 16

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## NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS



Fancy Satin Suspenders, assorted colors, each pair done up separately in a neat box, suitable for Xmas Presents, 40c., 45c., 60c., 75c., \$1.10.  
Silk Mufflers, Scotch plaid, shepherd plaid, pure white, 75c. to \$1.50.  
Cashmere Mufflers, 25c. to 75c. White Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$1.00.  
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, beautiful patterns, 25c. to \$1.50.

## Neck-Wear = Neck-Wear

We have excelled ourselves this year for the Xmas trade. The variety of styles, designs and colors is far too vast to mention them all. Puffs, Derbys, Flowing Ends, Clubs, Strings, Bows, Knots,—anything and everything new in Neckwear you will find here from 15c. to 75c.

## Gloves & Mitts.

We have a STOCK of the above, not a few pairs, to choose from. Silk Lined, Fur Lined, Fancy Wool Lined, from 50c. up to \$3.00. Keep your hands warm.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT is well assorted. Suits from 90c. to \$3.00.

## FURS. - FURS. - FURS.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Imitation Lamb Gauntlets, Capelines, Collars, Ruffs, Muffs, Capes, Bows, Jackets, Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Collars.

We are issuing checks for every Cash purchase. We want to make this Store YOUR Store.

We want 500 School Children on Saturday. We have something for them.

**FRED. T. WARD,**  
THE PEOPLE'S TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

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EVERY DAY A BUSY DAY, AND EVERYBODY HAPPY THIS WEEK.

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS, in white and grey, size 10/4 for 80c.; size 11/4 for \$1.00; size 11/4 for \$1.25; size 11/4 for \$1.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Our assortment is very large, prices from 3c. to 30c. each. Men's and boys' White Silk Hdkfs, all sizes, from 25c. to 65c.

RIBBONS, for finishing up your fancy work. We have all prices in Satin and Silk Ribbons.

CASHMERE SHAWLS.—The "Old Folks" as well as the "Young Folks" appreciate a handsome Shawl as a Xmas gift. Prices from 75c. to \$2. FANCY DISHES.—Our table of Fancy China is well filled yet, and many more fine presents to be had yet.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, in all colors and prices, ranging from 50c. to \$1.25 per pair. MEN'S WHITE KID GLOVES, for weddings and parties. A new lot just here, prices only 50c., all sizes.

MEN'S FINE WHITE SHIRTS.—Our prices are right, both in laundered and unlaundered, from 50c.

GROCERIES.—A special bargain in Raisins and Currants, Candies and Nuts for Christmas Trade. Come here to buy your supply. A full line in everything else.

POULTRY.—We have all kinds for a Christmas dinner. Don't pass this store, but get your wants supplied here.  
Buying Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Beans.

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## --XMAS--GOODS--

Do not fail to see our Stock of Goods

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WATCHES—CLOCKS—CHAINS—BRACELETS—RINGS—  
STICK PINS—GARTERS—TOILET ARTICLES—MANICURE  
SETS—PAPER KNIVES—BOOK MARKS—BANQUET LAMPS,  
CANDLES—FLOWER POTS,—and a host of other articles.

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## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

There is no place like JOHN SHAW'S for Groceries, and Crockery. You needn't take our word for it. We send an invitation to come and see. You will need an extra supply for Christmas, on account of friends coming to see you. So, come, and our prices are right.

Spices, Flour, Raisins, Peels, Sugar, Pork, Lard, Salt.

In fact, everything you need in Groceries or Provisions.

FRESH OYSTERS and FINNAN HADDIES now on hand.

THE FINEST LINE OF CROCKERY IN TOWN.

**JOHN SHAW.**

## Village Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the village council held Dec. 15th, all the members being present.

The treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditures, as required by statute was submitted and directed to be printed.

The following accounts were on motion directed to be paid:

John S. Black, rent of Council Chamber for one year ending Jan. 1st next. \$12.50

E. F. Parker, supplies to Thos. McGowan. 20.00

H. & J. Warren, supplies to corporation. 8.18

J. Belshaw, 1 cord wood to P. Smith. 2.25

Jed Green, in full of salary, Sanitary Inspector. 7.50

James Conley, 1 day shovelling gravel. 1.00

R. B. Jones, supplies to corporation. 2.27

Mr. James Boldrick presented a count amounting to \$80.00 being for taxes on Roller Mill, claiming said taxes to have been remitted by agreement of council.

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Graham, that a grant out of the corporation funds of the amount of the taxes on the Roller Mill be made to Mr. Boldrick, and on the motion being put was declared lost by the Reeve, McKee and Graham voting yea, and Cooney and Kerr voting nay.

On motion of Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Graham, the treasurer was directed to withdraw the deposit in Belleville to the credit of the Sinking Fund, and to deposit the same with Parker Bros. Stirling.

On motion of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Kerr, George Langway was appointed bookman for Wm. Montgomery in place of John Shaw, and on motion of Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Graham Thos. G. Clark was accepted as bookman for James Milne in place of Lindsay Meiklejohn and the clerk directed to prepare and have executed the new bonds.

Communication was received by the Reeve from John Galt, C. E., in which he offered to prepare working plans for the proposed water works, visiting occasionally during construction and putting a local man on as inspector, for the sum of \$600.00, and as the council were desirous of knowing something of the capability of the said inspector, the clerk was directed to write to Mr. Galt for particulars.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

## Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Town Hall, Dec. 15th. Minutes of a regular meeting of Rawdon Council held on above date, for winding up the year's business. Members present, T. J. Thompson, William Linn, Richard Clements, and Thos. H. Matthews.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

On motion Mr. Simon Armstrong was reappointed caretaker of the Town Hall at the same salary viz., \$13.50 per annum.

The collectors for the late 1898, reported a balance uncollected on the roll 1898, amounting to \$243.33.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid:

Ann Wellman, support. 5.00

Byron Heath, com. C.P.R., s. l. 84.00

Robert Radcliff, in full for support of land Caldwell, and fare to Orillia. 22.00

Board of Health, salary and expenses. 36.50

Daniel Linn, support to Wm. Wallace. 20.00

John Cook, part payment on job Chas. Lott, rent for Gardeniers. 7.00

Walter Spry, job on road and gravel. 12.00

John W. Huffman, balance on job. 2.50

D. Eggleston, grant on Sidney Town Line. 50.00

Wm. Meiklejohn, note. 1100.00

Interest on same. 50.00

Norman Wellman. 1.50

Thos. C. McConnell, Clerk.

## Spring Brook.

From Our Correspondent.

Rev. Herbert McConnell, a Spring Brook boy, now of Michigan, is home for Christmas holidays, renewing old acquaintances.

One of the events of the week was an oyster supper on Monday night at the Forest House, followed by tripping the light fantastic to until the small hours of the morning.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caldwell celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage by giving an oyster supper to their numerous friends.

The Christmas tree entertainment by the Sunday School was a very pleasant and successful affair,—pleasant because the tree was very fruitful in presents; successful because the proceeds were over \$15.00.

An election for the Local Legislature took place in Nipissing last Tuesday and resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate by a majority of about 600.

As a result of a visit to the North-West during the past summer of four farmers from Manitoba and Wisconsin to the Department of the Interior is advised that 200 families from the States named will move to the Territories next spring. They have decided to locate in four townships in the Beaver Lake country, which is east of Edmonton.

## The Smart Little Boy and Mamma.

Boy.—Santa Claus make all his Christmas presents?

Mamma.—Yes, dear.

Boy.—Did he make that I got for Christmas?

Mamma.—I suppose so.

Boy.—How is it then, that it has Oak Hall, Belleville, on the label?

Mamma.—You ask too many questions for a little boy.

## Stirling Cash Store

### BIG MID-WINTER SALE!

From now until February 1st we intend to make it interesting for Cash Buyers. For those who have not made large purchases during the holiday season, and for those who can afford to buy ahead for Spring, it will pay to do your buying during the next month. We have just received two large cases of Clothing. These Goods came six weeks too late. We decided to keep them, but have received from the makers an extra big discount, which will enable us to sell at manufacturers' prices.

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| Heavy Twilled Shirting, fast colors, regular 12½c., for.....  | 10c.   | Men's Blue Beaver Overcoats, wool lined, velvet collar.....     | \$3 75 |
| Heavy Flannelette, 32-in. wide.....                           | 5c.    | Heavy Frieze Ulster, big collar.....                            | 4 25   |
| Fast color, Plaid Gingham.....                                | 5c.    | Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$10.00, for.....           | 7 50   |
| Fancy Tweed Cloakings, heavy, regular \$1.25, for.....        | 90c.   | Men's all wool Tweed Suits, regular \$8.00 for.....             | 5 00   |
| Black Beaver Cloth, regular \$1.50, for.....                  | \$1 10 | Heavy ALL WOOL Underwear, reg. 60c., for 45c., or per suit..... | 80c.   |
| Fine Tweeds, for men's and boys' wear, regular 60c., for..... | 45c.   | ☛ This is a snap.   |        |
| Good Heavy Tweed, for boys' wear... ..                        | 25c.   | Men's Heavy Wool Sox, 2 prs. for....                            | 25c.   |
| Flannelette Blankets, all lines reduced away down.            |        | Men's Suspenders, regular 25c., now... ..                       | 17c.   |
| Heavy Wrapperettes, regular 12½c. ....                        | 10c.   | Men's all wool Flannel Shirts.....                              | 50c.   |
| Wide width heavy Print, reg. 12½c. for ..                     | 8c.    |   |        |

We are bound to sell a large quantity of Goods during the next month, and intend making the prices do it. Come early, bring your money, and you can have Big Discount in every line.

## T. G. CLUTE.

## LOOK!

## C Xmas Presents!

—Imported Specially for Holiday Trade.—  
Useful and Ornamental.

## BOUGHT DIRECT from POTTERIES

AT PRICES UNHEARD OF, AND ASSORTMENT LARGEST

EVER SHOWN IN STIRLING.

—COMPRISING—

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Services, 50c. Sets, Flower Pots, Vases, Table Sets, Chocolate Pots, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Fancy Shapes in Salads, Fruit Sets, Cake Plates, and many other useful Gifts.

## Cut Glass Pattern

BERRY SETS, JUGS, CAKE STANDS, NUT BOWLS, TUMBLERS, GOBLET, ETC.

☛ White, Colored and Rockingham ware at special prices.

Come early and secure best choice. By paying a small deposit you can have any article put away up to the 23rd.

FRESH OYSTERS ALWAYS ON HAND.

## S. HOLDEN.

## TO THE ELECTORS OF STIRLING:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—After two years absence from the Council of this village, I am again a candidate for the Council of 1899.

As, next year, the business of the Council will be very important, involving the expenditure of a large amount of money, and as the future prosperity of our village depends largely on the management of our affairs by the Council, it is absolutely essential that we should elect the ablest and most experienced men available.

I have been asked by a number of the leading business men and tax payers to be a candidate, and have consented.

There are plenty of good men in the field, and I don't pretend to say that I am any better than the rest. You are the judges, and whatever verdict you give next Monday will be cheerfully accepted by me.

If you see fit to elect me, I shall be grateful to your confidence, and shall do all in my power to advance the best interests of the village, and keep down the taxes.

Whether in the Council or out of it, I shall always gladly do everything I can to add to the welfare and prosperity of our village.

Valuing you all the Compliments of the Season, I am  
Yours respectfully,  
J. EARL HALLIWELL.

Ripans Tablets: one given relief. Kill the Bile, cure the stomach. Ripans Tablets cure liver troubles. Ripans Tablets cure biliousness.

## Wood For Sale.

By the acre, on the south part of lot 10 in the 7th Con. of Sidney, three and a half miles from Stirling. For price and further particulars apply to

R. N. BIRD.

## NEW GROCERY

One door east Meiklejohn's Hardware.

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A Fresh and well assorted

Stock of Groceries always on hand.

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Just arrived—

New Season's Fruits,

Raisins, Currants,

Prunes, Peels, Nuts, Etc.

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BEST BRANDS OF CANNED GOODS.

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FAMILY FLOUR.

Unexcelled in Quality, and prices right.

PHILIP CONLEY



## THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

### THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

#### CANADA.

Oven Sound has purchased electric fire alarms.

Kingston is flooded with Straits Settlement coats.

Hiram Maxim, the great gunmaker, is talking of building a great pump mill at Ottawa.

A handsome new theater, known as the Savoy, has been opened at Vancouver, B. C.

The American Shoe Company, of Montreal, is seeking from Kingston a bonus of \$35,000 to locate there.

The union carpenters of Winnipeg have decided to demand thirty cents an hour and a nine-hour day after May 1st next.

Scarlet fever has broken out at Medicine Hat, N.W.T., and the schools have been closed to prevent its spreading.

The Department of Customs have as present 11 vessels under seizure on the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf for smuggling.

The all-rail route on wheat from Fort William to St. John, N.B., is now reduced by the Canadian Pacific from 20 to 25 cents per hundred pounds.

Ethel Curry, or Gosselin, formerly of Quebec, poisoned herself at Vancouver, B. C. A lover's quarrel is said to have been the cause of the suicide.

The London Street Railway Company threatens to sue the city for \$20,000 for breach of duty during the recent trouble with the street railway employees.

During eleven months in 1898, 4,622 homesteads were entered in Manitoba and the Territories, as compared with 1,821 in 1897. This year the real estate men report largely increased sales of land to settlers.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, has been presented with a beautifully illuminated address by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. In acknowledgment of courteous remarks at his hands.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company is asking the City of Hamilton for a 50 per cent. decrease in taxes and water rates, in consideration of its constructing a line to serve the factories and other industries in the northeast section of the city.

The directors of the Hamilton, Ancaster & Dundas Electric Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line to Brantford, to change the name to Brantford, Hamilton & Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$220,000.

There seems to be a good chance of an influx of Armenian settlers to Manitoba at an early date. Rev. Father Jiron, an Armenian priest, is said to have been sent to Manitoba, with a view of discussing whether or not the country is suitable for the establishment of a settlement of his fellow-countrymen.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The Shamrock, the Irish challenger for the America's Cup, will be built by the Thornycroft works, and will be a 100-ton schooner.

It is said that a combination is being formed in the English bleaching trade. The trust has been started in North Laneshire.

The London Daily Mail credits the report that Australia will join with Canada in defraying the cost of a Pacific cable.

At Liverpool the Marquis of Anglesey has been fined £20 for bringing a French bulldog from the United States to England without the necessary order from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. William Watson, the poet, who enjoyed a small Government pension conferred by Lord Rosebery, has just received through the post a notice to receive a legacy considerable enough to assure him ample competence.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a despatch to Sir Herbert Murray, Governor of Newfoundland, and Sir John D. A. Macdonald, Lord of the Admiralty, declaring that he cannot interfere with the legislative acts of a self-governing colony.

Dr. Stanley Kent of London has discovered a vaccine germ. This discovery is of the greatest importance, as its use in pure culture would enable him to improve lymph, which has been the cause of the widespread objection to vaccination.

Lord Curzon, before leaving London, completed a book on "The Indian Frontier," and arranged for its publication with the Harpers. The Queen pointed out the impropriety of a book about India by the Viceroy appearing during the Viceroy's term of office. Therefore the book has been withdrawn.

#### UNITED STATES.

A "Municipal Ownership League" has been formed at Chicago.

A report at Seattle, Wash., says six persons have been killed by a slide in the Chilkoot Pass.

Four girls at Kimball Female Seminary, Meriden, Conn., have been expelled for truancy.

The New York Board of Health has declared grip to be a contagious disease, and patients must be isolated.

Carl Herbst, aged 18, of New York, not being able to control his temper, killed his father, Charles, with a knife.

The Carnegies have received an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails for the Cape, at 15 shillings per ton, under the English tenders.

Michael Hollander, a cook, is under arrest in Chicago for the murder of his wife in order to get possession of her property.

Hon. B. M. Hitchcock, United States Ambassador to Mexico, has been named as Secretary of the Interior. The latter retired in February.

It is said at San Francisco that the North German Lloyd steamship line have arranged to run a Pacific line from San Francisco to Seattle.

Dr. J. G. Campbell, of Elmer, N.J.,

lived too fast for his income, and when the officers of the law got after him for forgery, he shot himself.

The Schemidati, New York, Locomotive Works, has received an order from the Midland Railroad of England for ten new freight locomotives.

Joseph W. Pearson, who last week harled missiles through the door and windows of the British Embassy at Washington, has been sent to an asylum.

The House at Washington is considering a bill to establish a cable with a capacity of fifteen words a minute between the United States and Hawaii, the Philippines, Japan and China.

Two girls have died and the remainder of a family of eight at Hillsboro, Ohio, are suffering and are expected to die from trichinosis, contracted by eating pork. The family killed James S. McInnis, the Minnesota pig giant, is dead. He was 17 years of age, was 7 feet 2 inches in height, weighed 360 lbs. and No. 9 hat, and weighed 318 lbs.

In a suit between the Standard Oil Co., at Cleveland, it is stated that the company has been ordered to pay an order of the United States Supreme Court for their production.

William Sims, soldier, for murdering Robert Horton, at Town Creek, Ala., was dragged from the jail by a gang led by the murdered man's brother, who hung to a tree and riddled with bullets.

The United States House Committee on naval affairs has decided to favorably report a bill providing for the increase of the enlisted men of the navy to 20,000 men, 2,500 boys and apprentices.

Colonel J. G. Randle, of Dallas, Texas, a notorious Texas, was shot dead in a saloon by H. P. Evans of Forney, who has been charged with the murder, and gave himself up to the police. Evans put five shots into his victim before the body reached the ground.

The acquiring of the shipyard at Newport News, Virginia, by Vickers, Sons & Maxim, is a condition to their fulfilling the contract with the United States navy, and the shipyard will have been given to the Schwartzkopfs for the anti-German feeling in the United States.

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## HE MURDERS A COMPANION.

THIEVES QUARREL AT PARIS AND ONE IS SHOT DEAD.

The Victim's Identity Is Unknown—The Two Men Quarreled, One Struck the Other, and was Deliberately Killed.

A despatch from Paris, Oct. 1, says:—A French thief, known as "under the moon," charged with the murder of a fellow-thief, whose identity is unknown. Stevens shot his companion in the mouth in the station yard about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. A quartette of tramps were hanging around the depot, and one of them, who was a dispute arose, and the man now dead struck Stevens. The latter whipped out a revolver and fired, the ball passing through the victim's head. The murderer ran, and threw his weapon down the water closet, but the others remained with the wounded man and assisted in carrying him into the baggage-room, where he died in ten minutes. Stevens gives his age as 24, describes himself as "a tramp, with no abode," and is apparently totally unconcerned at his arrest. James Walker, a third member of the party, is also held by the police as a material witness.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

The story of the crime was told by one of the two eye-witnesses of the tragedy, Norman Lamb, a bright and cheerful young man, who said: "Ernest Stewart and I saw the shooting. We had been in the waiting room, where a curly-headed tramp was making fun for us with a nickel. The curly-headed man went out and the tall man, who was shot, came rushing in cursing and swearing. He went up to the curly-headed man and struck him on the head. I did not hear what. The answer was, 'I did not see him.' Just then a man in a velvet cap came walking up the track and the tall man ran to meet him. When they came together he struck at him. The man in the cap had a revolver, and he pulled out a revolver and fired. The tall man fell and the other ran up the track. I saw Mr. Hume, the tall man, arrest him, and I told Mr. Hume he had the man who did the shooting."

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### North Hastings Election.

The election in North Hastings which took place last Tuesday resulted in the return of Mr. W. J. Allen, the Conservative candidate, by a considerably increased majority. The returns are not yet all to hand, but so far as known his majority is nearly 900. In Stirling village Mr. Lott's majority was 17.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has published a list of Cheese Factories and Creameries in Ontario, and the list is a formidable one showing the great extent and value of the dairy interests of this Province. There are 1,285 cheese factories and 228 creameries in Ontario. The latter does not include the skimming stations, which if added, would bring the total upwards of 250. In Creameries Oxford county leads with 18; Perth and Leeds 17 each; Hastings and Grenville 13 each; Glengary 12, and Northumberland 7.

In cheese factories Hastings county takes the lead with 10 factories; Leeds next with 8; Prescott 6; Dundas 5; Frontenac and Caledonia 4 each; Glengary 3; Oxford 3; Russell 4; Northumberland 4; Stormont 4; and Peterborough 3. In looking over the list one cannot help but notice the great extent of the dairying interest in the eastern counties as shown in the above list.

### Village Nominations.

The nominations for Reeve, Councilors, and three trustees for the School Board took place at the Town Hall on Monday evening. At 7.30 the Clerk, Mr. J. S. Black, took his place at the desk and called for nominations. A large number of the villagers had already gathered, and soon the hall was well filled, showing that great interest was taken in the selecting of representatives to preside over the affairs of the village for the ensuing year.

The following nominations were then made, in writing, the papers being handed up to the Clerk:

| FOR REEVE.       | Mover.       | Second.       |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| N. H. McKee.     | D. McKee.    | G. Scott.     |
| J. H. McKee.     | J. H. McKee. | W. S. Martin. |
| H. S. Ferguson.  | G. Whitely.  | J. Wright.    |
| G. H. Thresher.  | J. B. McKee. | W. S. Martin. |
| J. E. Halliwell. | G. Scott.    | J. Wright.    |
| G. H. Thresher.  | J. B. McKee. | W. S. Martin. |

FOR COUNCILORS.

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| J. E. Halliwell. | J. B. McKee. | J. Wright.    |
| J. H. McKee.     | D. McKee.    | G. Scott.     |
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FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

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| J. E. Halliwell. | J. B. McKee. | J. Wright.    |
| J. H. McKee.     | D. McKee.    | G. Scott.     |
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After the expiration of the hour allowed for nominations, Mr. Black called upon the different candidates to address the meeting, beginning with some of the members of the old Council.

Mr. Ferguson was the first speaker. He referred to the financial statement and thought the village is now in as good a position as it was a year ago. As to waterworks he said that in consequence of a largely signed petition a by-law was submitted and carried by a good majority. A sample of the water had been forwarded to the Board of Health at Toronto, at their request, and a reply as to the water was not received until too late to say anything this fall. Mr. Ferguson's speech had been engaged.

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subject, and had facts and figures. If each person in Stirling used 40 gallons per day it would only take 4-5 inches per year off the surface of the Oak Hill lake. In reference to the mill question, he thought it was an honest debt, and it would not be honorable on the part of the village to repudiate the agreement to remit the taxes. He was not a candidate, but asked the people to elect a good business council.

Mr. Thresher said this was the second time he had been nominated for Reeve, and thanked his mover and seconder for the honor thus conferred on him. As there were now two candidates in the field he was not a candidate at present, but might be at some future time.

J. E. Halliwell was the next speaker. He referred to the mill tax question, and said he was Revere when the by-law was passed remitting the taxes. He thought if the question was understood by the ratepayers they would let this matter drop forever. He entered into the question fully, and read the motion as passed by the council unanimously at the time, and also the minutes of Council showing the further action of that body in endeavoring to carry out that agreement. The mill was a great benefit to the whole village, and the tax was a small amount for Mr. Boldrick to pay, and how much smaller was it for the village. It should not be a question in the elections at all. As to waterworks, it was an important question, and this year was one in which a first class council should be elected. He said commissioners should be appointed to look after the work of construction and management. The very best men should be returned as councillors this year. He was not a candidate for the Reevership.

L. McKiejohn said he would not detain them long. He had not been in the Council, and had nothing to answer for as to what had been done or left undone. He was now in the field as a candidate for councillor, and as all his interests were here he thought it was his duty to do what he could for the best interests of the village, and asked their support at the coming election. Waterworks was an important question, and required to be carefully handled. If they were to cost as much as some have stated he would not be in favor of going on with the scheme. In reference to the tax exemption on the mill, Mr. Boldrick had carried out his part of the contract, and it was the duty of the villagers to carry out their part of it. They would be disappointed to do so. In closing he again asked for their support.

Mr. Kerr said he was chairman of the Street Committee, and had done the work the best he could, with the assistance of the other members of the committee. The stone crossings cost a little more than wood, but he believed they were a good investment. If he decided to run again he asked their support.

W. J. Graham had no intention of being a candidate for the coming year. He thought a good council was needed, and hoped one would be chosen. He thanked them for their support in the past, and retired.

C. J. Boldrick was not a candidate. W. H. Calder had been asked to come out as a candidate for Councillor, and would stand. If elected he would look after the interests of the village as closely as he could. He had taken great interest in the waterworks question, and had figures from as good an engineer as is in Canada that the cost would not be more than \$14,500. He next criticized some of the expenditures of the old Council, and asked the support of the electors in the coming contest.

Chas. E. Parker was a heavy ratepayer, and had a considerable interest in the welfare and prosperity of the village, and would look after the interests of the ratepayers to the best of his ability. He was in the field, and asked the support of the electors.

John Conley did not know whether he was in favor of waterworks or not. If the cost was \$20,000 or more he was not in favor of that amount of expenditure, as he did not think he could stand it. He had not made up his mind whether or he would be a candidate or not, but if he decided to run he asked their support.

G. L. Scott was in a happy condition, as he had nothing to answer for as he had not been in the Council the past year. He referred to the financial statement, explaining why a certain sum for sinking fund was not paid last year, as the taxes to meet this claim had not been collected when he went out of office. In reference to the mill exemption question he claimed that they are honorably bound to remit the taxes as agreed. He was in favor of waterworks if the cost was not too much, and knew if put in at a reasonable cost there would be a large revenue from electric light alone. He could not say at present whether he would stand or not, but if he decided to run he asked their support.

Wm. Allen was in the field to stay, and asked their support.

W. S. Martin would make a short speech. It had been stated that a good Council was needed to carry out a good plan for the village, and he thought so too, and that great care should be taken in selecting the

best men for the position. He was not a candidate. He gave some explanations in reference to reductions in insurance in connection with the construction of waterworks. He also referred to the financial statement, and believed there was a deficiency the past year.

J. E. Halliwell had been nominated for councillor, and in a brief speech stated that if he decided to stand he solicited their support.

The following list of council nominations, and those nominated for school trustees were now called upon.

F. T. Ward was again a candidate. He had served the ratepayers on the School Board for some years, and asked their support at this election.

Justas Boldrick had served as a School Trustee for about 32 or 33 years. The Council was in reality subordinate to the School Board, as the latter had only to ask for any amount wanted, and the Council had to provide for it. He would stand again as trustee, and asked their support.

Dr. Sprague and Dr. McKiejohn were not present.

In addition to those who resigned at the nomination meeting others have since resigned, leaving the following candidates in the field for the Council: For Reeve—H. S. Ferguson, T. H. McKee.

FOR COUNCILORS—L. McKiejohn, J. E. Halliwell, G. L. Scott, C. E. Parker, W. H. Calder, Wm. Holden and John Conley.

### Madoc Junction Items.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Wedding bells are ringing with the bells of Christmas cheer. Quite a number from here went to Bancroft on the 21st to attend the marriage of Mr. Herbert Eggleston and Miss Maggie Harris, while a number more drove to Melrose to attend the marriage of Miss Annie Sparrow and Mr. Miller.

A number from here took in the Ridge Road S. S. entertainment on Thursday last; also the one in Stirling on Friday. All were a good time.

Mr. H. L. Eggleston and bride spent Christmas the guests of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Andrews.

Miss Laura Eggleston, of Stirling, spent a few days with her sister Mrs. A. W. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Campbellford, have been visiting friends here.

Miss Nettie Seeley spent a few days with friends in the neighborhood.

Miss Lottie Clarke is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Mack, of Sidney.

**Foxboro Notes.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Christmas tree and caroling in the South Church last Saturday evening. It was a decided success as far as the programme was concerned, and financially. The collection amounted to \$14.70.

The anniversary services in the North Church last Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Graham, of Belleville, in the morning, and the Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Canifiton, in the evening. A large crowd was present at both services.

On the following evening the usual tea meeting was held at a beautiful repast was served in the basement, and the following speakers were present:—Rev. Mr. Wilmot, of Sidney; Rev. Mr. Remond, of Sidney; and Mr. Henry Denys, Miss Foster favored them with two solos, and Miss Mary Lake with two recitations. Proceeds amounted to \$18.00.

Mr. Fred Simmons, traveller for a firm in Montreal, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents.

Miss Lucile Hultine, of Belleville, spent Christmas with her parents.

Misses Hattie and Ethel Gossell are at their home during their holidays. Miss Hattie intends leaving for Montreal on Saturday on her way to Normal School at Ottawa.

Miss Molly Sprague, of Stirling, spent Christmas with her uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. Dunlop.

**PERSONALS.**

The News-Argus invites the contribution to this column of all items of personal nature, such as the arrival or departure of friends, during the holiday season, or a note at this office, or drop a card into the post office, giving full particulars.

Mrs. Smith, of Cobourg, spent Christmas here with her sisters, Mrs. B. Chish, Mrs. J. Martin, and Mrs. S. J. Demill.

Mr. T. G. Chute and Mrs. White spent Christmas with friends in the front of Sidney.

Messrs. John M. and Harry Black, of the firm of Watrous, Star, and Chish, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Black, H. L. Boldrick, of Osgoode Hall, Toronto, home for the holidays, accompanied by Mr. Boldrick, of St. Thomas.

Mr. Jas. Baker, of Caledonia Springs, is spending a few days with his wife's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Mabel and Verna Free, of Campbellford, have been spending Christmas week with friends in Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman and Miss Huffman, of Belleville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ralph on Sunday and Monday last.

Miss Minnie Searles, of Concession, is visiting in town with the Misses Holsey.

Miss Edith Brown, of Victoria Harbor, has returned to Stirling after spending Christmas with friends in Sidney.

Miss Edith Wiley, of Marmora, is visiting her friends in Stirling.

Mr. Clark Wright, with his wife and child, of Watrous, N. Y., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wright.

Messrs. Robt. and Wm. Crosby are spending Christmas week with their parents in Sidney.

Miss Stouffer left on Wednesday for her home in Sidney, after being head milliner for Miss N. Phillips for the past two years. During her stay in Stirling, Miss Stouffer made many friends, who will regret her departure.

Miss Scouler, who has been head milliner at P. S. Siddle's for the past two seasons, left for her home at Forest, Ont., on Monday morning last.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenleaf, of Belleville, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Demill.

Mr. O'Reilly, from Norwood, spent Christmas in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitty.

W. S. Lanktree, who has been for some time in Wardner, B.C., is home on a visit to his mother and friends.

S. G. Conley, of Toronto, General Agent of the Raymond Sewing Machine Company, of Guelph, with his wife and child, spent Christmas at Mr. John Conley's. He reports business very prosperous.

Miss Flora Martin spent her Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends at Napanee.

Mr. S. G. Faulkner, of Vancouver, B. C., is a visit to friends in Stirling and vicinity.

Mr. Edward Scott, of Heckston, Ont., has been on a visit to friends in Hawdon during the past week, and returned home yesterday morning.

Messrs. O. P. Butler and E. T. Williams, of Marmora, were visiting in town this week.

Mr. Potts left for New York on Monday last on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McComb, of Marmora, spent Xmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ahrhart.

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